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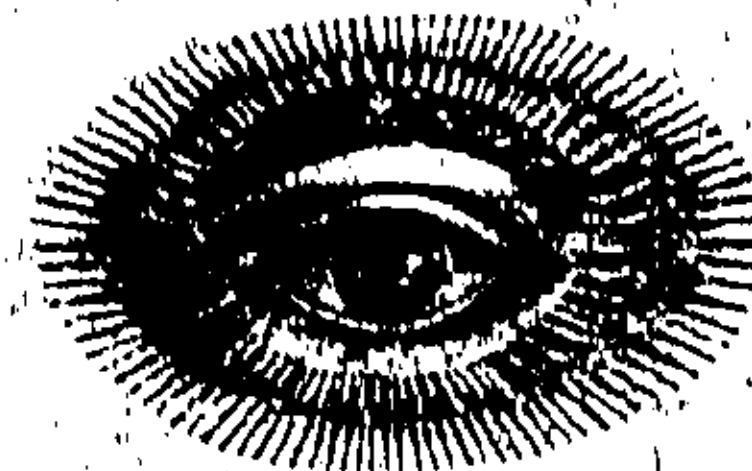
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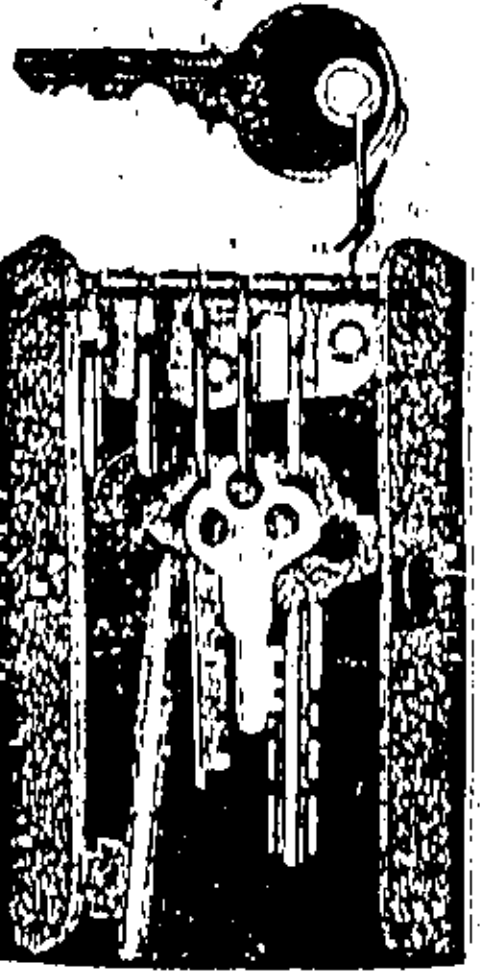
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BANK LOSSES.

Mutilated \$500 Note Case.

SUMMARY COURT FINDING.

Mr. Potter And Notice of
Appeal.

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Wood this morning in the case in which Lee-shi, a Chinese lady, sued the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$500 on the grounds that certain portions of a note she produced were genuine although the number and date were missing. The plaintiff's case, it will be remembered, was that the note had been in the pocket of a garment which had been washed, wrung and ironed and that this accounted for its mutilated state. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) was for the Bank, and Mr. E. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind) for the plaintiff.

Note Not Void.

Mr. Justice Wood, in the course of his judgment, found that in law a serial number on a banknote is a material and essential part of such a note and referred to authorities which lay down that "any material alteration of an instrument without the assent of the party sought to be charged upon" it, even if made by a stranger and without the privity of either party, renders the instrument void.

The fundamental difficulty in this case was to interpret the words "material alteration." What had happened here was recognised not to be an alteration but damage. Following the doctrine laid down in certain authorities, His Honour found that the document produced by the plaintiff to the Bank was merely a damaged note and not a materially altered one. The note in question was therefore, in his opinion, not void.

The Lost Portions.

His Honour referred to the judgment of Lord Ellenborough that "payment can only be enforced at law by the production of an entire note; or by the proof that the instrument or the part of it which is wanting has been actually destroyed. The maker of a promissory note cannot be liable in respect of each of two parties at the same time." In this case, said His Honour, evidence which led to no room for reasonable doubt had been proffered to the Bank and to the Court that the other portions of the note in question were now no longer in existence. The Bank was therefore liable to pay.

Mr. Wood referred to the argument put forward on behalf of the Bank that if they paid out on this note they would remain liable to pay the Government tax on the note's value and in 1922 to retain the specie reserve against the note. "I am not greatly impressed by this argument," stated His Honour. "It seems to me that if this document is surrendered and cashed no other conclusion can be drawn except that the issue of the bank notes and also the circulation of the bank notes is reduced by the value of this note. This reduction relieves the Bank of this obligation imposed on it by the Ordinance."

The "Law Merchant." Apart from this view of the law and its consequences, Mr. Wood stated that the custom of the Law Merchant is also clear that a Bank will pay on either proof of the destruction of its note or the surrender of the surviving portions of a note which has been partially destroyed on the tender by the holder of such indemnity against loss as the Bank could not reasonably refuse. Mr. Wood, in his original judgment, went on to refer to the

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RUBBER PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have made the following sales to the Straits:—
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"LIENSHING" LOSS.

DISASTER TO INDO-CHINA STEAMER.

LATEST FROM NORTH.

On inquiry from the head office of the Indo-China Co. this morning, the "China Mail" learns that definite news is still awaited with regard to the reported casualties through the loss of the s.s. "Lien-shing", 64 miles out of Shanghai.

The first telegram received by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. from their Shanghai office indicated that three Chinese were drowned. Subsequently another cable said: "It is reported that forty were drowned."

Until a roll-call is made at the spot, it is not possible to say which version is correct.

Both the Marine and Engineering Superintendents of the company stationed in Shanghai have proceeded to the scene of the wreck, which is about 60 miles distant from that port.

They will make the first inspection at low-tide, after which a report will be sent down as to the extent of the damage.

It will not, of course, be necessary to make arrangements for salvage from Hong Kong as there are facilities in Shanghai.

Story of the Disaster.

The story of the disaster is told in the following Reuter cables from Shanghai, dated December 12:—

Messrs. Jardine Matheson's s.s. "Lien-shing" struck the Amherst Rocks, 64 miles out of Shanghai, at four o'clock this morning and sank almost immediately.

A pilot boat in the vicinity rescued the officers and foreign passengers and it is believed almost all the Chinese, except three who are known to be dead.

There is no news as to whether any are missing. The pilot boat took them to Shanghai. The foreign passengers were clad in their night clothes.

40 Chinese Missing.

Later. According to the latest information, when the "Lien-shing" struck she listed over, then slid off the rocks, sinking completely in a hour later.

The women and children were taken off first, but many other passengers were thrown into the water. The Ellerman liner "Colorado" was the first ship on the scene to aid in the work of rescue, and most of the foreign passengers secured clothing on this vessel. Afterwards a pilot vessel took off most of the passengers, bringing them to Shanghai.

It is confirmed that all the foreign officers and passengers were saved, but out of 150 Chinese passengers it is feared 40 are missing. The "Lien-shing" was the straggler of the China Coast being built and launched at Hongkong in 1924. Amherst Rocks are unlighted, and very strong currents run in the vicinity.—Reuter.

Biggest and Newest.

Engaged in the Indo-China Co.'s Northern trade, the "Lien-shing" left Shanghai for Chefoo and Tientsin on Dec. 2, with general cargo and was on her way back to Shanghai.

On March 26, 1924, this boat was launched at Hongkong by Mrs. A. B. Stewart, at the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co.'s yard.

The biggest ship in the Indo-China fleet, her dimensions, &c., are:—
Deadweight 2,735 tons; speed 13½ knots; length, 300 feet; length between perpendiculars, 285 feet; moulded breadth, 44 feet; moulded depth, 24 feet; passenger accommodation (1st class) 28, in two-berth rooms and 2nd class 56.

Well-known Captain.

The machinery, equipment and appointments were most up-to-date. Captain Simpson is believed to have been in command, his name being down in the register as master. He has been in the company's service for a good many years. The "Chipsing" and "Cheongshing"—both well known in Hong Kong—were previously commanded by Captain Simpson. He has had much experience on other lines engaged in by the Indo-China fleet and is consequently well known on the coast.

\$1,000 BOND.

HEARING OF MR. BREWER'S CLAIM.

LEGAL ARGUMENT TO-DAY.

The hearing was continued at the Summary Court this morning of the case in which Mr. N. I. Brewer claims against Messrs. Brewer and Company in respect of a \$1,000 bond he entered into (whilst a partner in the defendant company) with the Chinese Estates Ltd. to secure the due performance of the terms by which the tenancy had been made. Plaintiff ceased to be a partner in the defendant firm last year.

When the case opened, Mr. M. W. Lo (representing the defendant company) said that all the material facts were agreed between him and Mr. Brewer with the exception of that as to whether the Chinese Estates Ltd. had made a demand on him (Mr. Brewer) in connection with the bond.

The Secretary of the Chinese Estates Ltd. was then called in evidence and, in answer to His Honour's question, said that the company had not, to his knowledge, made any demand at any time on Mr. Brewer.

In reply to Mr. Brewer, witness said that the company had authorised the sending of a letter to him in which it was stated that they reserved their rights against him.

Mr. Lo, addressing the Court, said his defence was twofold. First, he claimed that the court had no jurisdiction. The claim

XMAS NUMBER.

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Supplement.

TO BE PUBLISHED TO-MORROW.

The "China-Mail" Christmas Supplement, attractively printed in colours, will be published to-morrow. A copy of the Supplement will be given away free with each copy of the paper. Besides a number of seasonal articles and short stories, the Supplement contains the Christmas announcements of many leading local firms. The Supplement will be delivered with subscribers' copies, but readers who buy their "China Mail" on the street are advised to make a point of asking the street seller for the Supplement if it is not proffered with the paper. There is no extra charge for the Supplement.

as disclosed by the plaintiff was purely one in equity for the protection of the court.

His Honour: The claim is for a sum of money.

Mr. Lo: But not for himself. He says he is entitled to the protection of the Court as surety under a bond which he is liable under.

Fast Point Fails.

His Honour held against Mr. Lo on the question of jurisdiction, holding that a trustee might sue in Summary jurisdiction even if the money did not belong to him. The fact that plaintiff had no permanent right to use of the money for himself did not alter this.

Mr. Lo said that his second point was that the plaintiff could not succeed because he could not bring himself within either the common law or the law of equity in making a claim for \$1,000. Plaintiff had been a partner in the defendant firm and if he were a partner to-day, he would have an unquestionable right to bring the claim. As a retiring partner, Mr. Brewer was surety for all the debts of the partnership. If he had not signed a bond he would still be so liable. He stood in the position of a surety in that if he was called on to pay debts he had right to an indemnity against the continuing partners.

In reply to His Honour, Mr. Lo said that the partnership of Brewer and Company had been dissolved. Mr. Pasco was the sole tenant and he was carrying

SHANGHAI DIVORCE.

DECREE NISI FOR MRS. W. J. GANDE.

CUSTODY OF CHILD.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Local interest was centred round the British Supreme Court this morning when Mrs. Madeline Gande, wife of Mr. William Gande, of Gande, Price and Co., one of the best known members of the local British community, petitioned before Judge Peter Grain for a dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the adultery of her husband with a co-respondent, whose name was not mentioned in Court.

Mr. E. H. Platt appeared on behalf of the petitioner, whilst the respondent was not legally represented.

After hearing evidence as to domicile, Mr. Platt put his client in the witness box. Mrs. Gande said that she first heard of her husband's actions shortly after her return from a holiday in America. Finding female clothing in the house, she accused her husband of having committed adultery. He did not deny the accusation.

His Lordship said that he was satisfied that evidence of adultery had been established. Mrs. Gande would be granted a decree nisi with custody of the ten-year-old child.

NOT WORTH IT.

A FIGHT OVER FIFTY CENTS.

"Is it really worth fighting over twenty cents?" asked Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two Chinese were charged with causing a disturbance in the street. His Worship fined each defendant \$1 and ordered each man to sign a bond of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

The next case before the Court was also one of obstruction, defendant in this instance pleading that his employers had instructed him to put the goods on the pavement. "Did the shop and their bull?" queried the Magistrate, who, upon learning that such was the case, reported, "Well, they can pay the fine—\$5."

on the business under the name of Brewer and Company.

Bond At An End?

His Honour: It seems to me, if the partnership is dissolved that he is doing so not by reason of an agreement but by reason of having his rent accepted. In other words, the 5 years agreement has ended long ago.

Mr. Lo said that he was not prepared to argue that point.

His Honour said that he quite understood Mr. Lo's reluctance. He naturally wanted to preserve the lease for his clients. It was, however, a point which would have to be considered when Mr. Brewer addressed the court. It seemed the position was that Brewer and Co. were the tenants and that the bond was at an end. If the lease was determined the bond was at an end. It was certainly a point which, if substantiated, was fatal to Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Brewer submitted that the point need not be raised, there had been default both before and after the dissolution of partnership.

His Honour remarked that this was not on record.

Mr. Lo's Submission.

Mr. Lo then proceeded with his case, remarking that he would submit that plaintiff had no claim whether or not the bond was existing. He submitted that plaintiff had no right to his claim because his right was absolutely governed by the agreement which he signed at the dissolution of the partnership.

Mr. Lo further claimed that where there was express indemnity, plaintiff could not as surety rely on implied indemnity. He had a proper right of indemnity but could not come to court until he had paid under the bond.

His Honour said that plaintiff must, if at all, claim as a trustee. Mr. Lo held that at the time of entering into the bond, the plaintiff was a partner. If he ceased to be a partner he would be a surety.

The case was adjourned until 3.15 to-day when Mr. Brewer will address the court.

UNION TYRANNY.

Boycotting of Steamboat Vessels.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

Why Negotiations Broke Down.

For some time past, reports have been circulating which state that the reason the steamers of the Hong Kong and Macao Steamboat Co., are still being subject to a boycott is due to this Company refusing to re-instate the members of crews of their vessels, who went on strike in June, 1925. The "China Mail" has made enquiries and it is now ascertained that the following are the facts of the case.

In the middle of November the Company was informed that the Seamen's Union at Canton desired to replace employees, who had acted as strike-breakers, by members of crews formerly in the Company's service. A meeting with the Officials of the Seamen's Union at Canton was arranged and attended by representatives of the Steamboat Company on November 18 last. The Seamen's Union was informed that the Company would re-instate former members of their crews as soon as vacancies occurred; but the Seamen's Union refused to consider this proposal and demanded that every Chinese member of the Company's present crews, old servants and temporary assistants alike, be dismissed and their places filled by crews to be supplied by the Union.

The "China Mail" understands that as about one half of the former employees had returned to work, the Company was of opinion that the demands of the Seamen's Union were antagonistic to every element of justice, and accordingly refused to concede them.

HAWKERS CHARGED.

"DECREPID OLD PERSON" IN COURT.

TOO OLD AT FIFTY.

Inspector P. Grant proving three previous convictions against a Chinese woman charged this morning with hawking without a licence. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$10, observing that the defendant would find herself in more serious trouble if brought before the Court again.

The next unlicensed hawker brought before the Bench was a youth of fifteen who pleaded that he had no food.

Mr. Lindsell: Have you any relatives?—An aged mother.

His Worship: Is she here?—No. She is too old to come here. She is over fifty.

His Worship: That's not very old.

Insp. Grant proved no less than six previous convictions against the youth.

His Worship: Oh, a fine apparently does you no good. We will see what a whipping will do—eight strokes.

An elderly woman was then lead forward and charged with a similar offence. Defendant pleaded that she was nearly blind.

"You look rather a decrepit old person. I will not punish you this time, but as you appear to have money for bail you had better look sharp and provide yourself with a licence," commented the Magistrate in cautioning the defendant.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is: N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine. At 11.30 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased moderately from E. China to S.W. Japan, and slightly over central China and from the Loochoos to Tongking. It has increased moderately over central Japan and slightly over N.E. Japan.

Meteorological observations at 3 a.m. to-day: barometer 29.96; temperature 68; humidity 85; wind E.S.E.; force 3; weather overcast.

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NOTICES.

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MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA. HONG KONG BRANCH.

AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1926, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:

Important Correspondence, Elections and General. A full attendance is particularly requested.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the proposed Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution viz:—

"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF the Company, will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Tenth day of January, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned resolution.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1926.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

MRS. SEMA BELLIOS, (Deceased.)

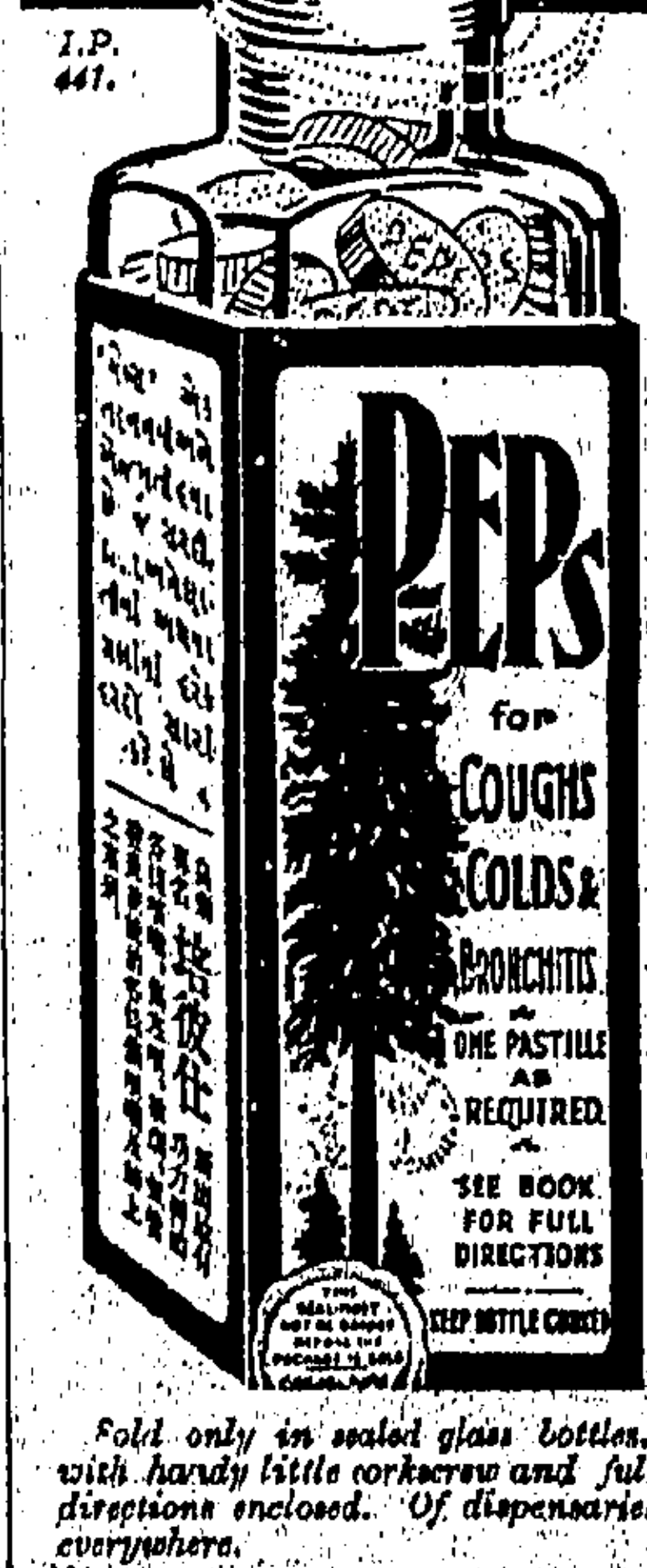
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GUILDS CONSULTED.

The "China Mail" is informed officially that the examination of witnesses from the s.s. "Sunning" will not be undertaken by the Piracy Commission until after the completion of the criminal proceedings on the piracy charge.

Letters have meanwhile been addressed to the authorities at China coast ports, and in Hong Kong, to the Chambers of Commerce, China Coast Officers' Guild, Marine Engineers' Guild of China, and companies concerned, requesting information which will enable the Commission to resume its sittings.

The Commission is a question is that appointed to consider whether the anti-piracy regulations were carried out and to make recommendations as to future measures for preventing similar piracies. Its proceedings are dignified, from the Magistrate hearing which is concerned with the trial of alleged pirates.

Wireless Operator's Evidence.

The hearing was resumed at the Central Magistrate's Court on Saturday of the case in which "twenty Chinese are charged with being implicated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" on November 15.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, is conducting the prosecution. Mr. Lee D'Almeida is defending the 2nd accused, Mr. M. K. Lo the 6th, accused and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask the 10th, accused—the ship's carpenter.

The first, and only witness called on Saturday, was Lok Yee-chung, the wireless operator of the s.s. "Sunning." Witness said that on November 15, he was on a voyage from Amoy to Hong Kong. At 3.50 p.m., he was in the wireless room when he heard a disturbance. A few minutes later, four men entered his room. Two of the men led witness to the "chart room," the other two remaining in the wireless room.

In the chart room witness saw three more armed men. One spoke to him in broken Cantonese. He said that they wanted the ship taken to a certain place. Witness did not reply, whereupon the man slapped him on the face. Shortly after that a Chinese wearing a long gown and horn-rimmed spectacles came in.

Witness then proceeded to describe at some considerable length his subsequent movements.

Witness identified prisoners numbers 1, 2, 3, 5 and 20.

Cross Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he saw someone prodding the Captain and also saw someone pushing that man away.

Mr. Lo: Will you please have a good look at the 6th prisoner. Was he in the chart room at the time?

Witness: I cannot recognise him as the man.

Mr. Lo: Would you say that if he had been there, the chances are solved to support President Calles' stand in the controversy with the United States, asserting it to be a just and patriotic defence of Mexico's sovereignty and laws.—Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Lo: Did you happen to notice any pirate with a sore finger on his right hand?—No.

Mr. D'Almeida not being present, his Worship asked the 2nd, defendant if he wished to ask any questions.

2nd. defendant: I leave everything to my solicitor.

Mr. Lindell: Quite, but he isn't here.

The 2nd. defendant said that he wished to ask no questions.

Re-examined by the Crown solicitor, witness said that his fears calmed down about dinner time.

His Worship: Could you, in fact, if they were here to-day, identify any of the five men who were in the chart room?—I think that No. 2 was there, although I have not mentioned him before.

Mr. Lindell: Could you identify the others?—No.

The hearing was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. to-day.

FUNERAL.

MRS. M. A. BOND.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley on Saturday of Mrs. Margaret Anne Bond, of Ashley Road, Kowloon, who passed away at the Kowloon Hospital the previous day at the age of 76 years. Deceased was the widow of Mr. John Madison Bond, of Dublin, and came to the Colony several years ago from South Africa. She is survived by two daughters.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. The chief mourners were Mrs. Blandford (daughter), Mrs. Tinson (granddaughter), Mr. Tinson and Mr. A. G. Pile (son-in-law), and among others attending were Miss Sutton, Mrs. Nicholas, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Mr. P. G. Tacchi and Mr. C. H. Miles.

SANITARY BOARD.

POSSIBILITIES OF NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS.

According to the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask:

"What steps, if any, have the Government taken to carry out the suggestion contained in that of the Economic Resources Committee (1920), that 'both on economic grounds and as a matter of expediency, there should be an earnest endeavour to make this Colony self-sufficient in so vital a commodity as pig-meat which enters so largely in the dietary of nine-tenths of the population of Hong Kong and its dependencies'?"

(Note.—This recommendation will be found on page 141 of the Blue Book issued by the Factories and Home and Cottage Industries Sub-Committee.)

Local Food Supplies.

(a) With a view to make the Colony less dependent on outside sources for its food supply and so as to check the tendency towards higher cost of daily necessities, and to bring down (if possible) the high price of foodstuffs, will the Government devise some scheme of bonus payments or other simple method of encouragement to settlers in the New Territories with the object of fostering cattle and poultry farming and pig-breeding, and to cultivate market produce on a larger scale?

(b) Is the holding in New Territories of an annual cattle and poultry show feasible; and if so, will the Government initiate and help to defray the cost of such shows with a view to stimulate greater enterprise in agricultural pursuits and farming within the Colony?

Restaurant Licences.

At the same meeting, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin will ask:

"Are applications for restaurant and eating house licences dealt with by the Inspectors of the Department and if so, what check is there that the same are dealt with promptly?"

Are the ground surface of all premises used as restaurants and eating houses for which licences are applied for, to be opened up, if so, what are the reasons for so doing? Should not houses built after the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903, be exempted from such operations?"

Mexico, City, December 12.—The Senate has unanimously resolved to support President Calles' stand in the controversy with the United States, asserting it to be a just and patriotic defence of Mexico's sovereignty and laws.—Reuter's American Service.



"HOW ARE YOU?"

This is the first question asked, the world over, when friends or acquaintances meet, and it indicates universal recognition of the fact that health is the paramount concern of every man and woman, no matter how important other personal matters may be.

Yet, curiously enough, in many cases it is either through neglect of health or dissipation of health that ill-health begins. For example, over-eating, indigestion, diet hurried or irregular meals, are causes responsible for most of the digestive troubles so common these days. And the craze for exciting pleasures in the over-heated, overcrowded atmosphere of all rooms, dance halls and cinemas, with its attendant evils of late hours and too little sleep, accounts for a vast majority of the ever increasing cases of nervous breakdown in both sexes.

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OPIUM SEIZURE.

RAID ON THE S.S. "LUCHOW."

FIREMEN SENTENCED.

The seizure of a quantity of raw and prepared opium of a value amounting to over \$17,000 was the subject of a charge in a case brought before Major C. Willson, O.E.E., at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning.

As a result of a search carried out by a party of revenue officers under R. O. Ward, a large quantity of opium, both raw and prepared, was discovered at the back of the boilers on board the China Navigation Company's steamer "Luchow." The haul comprised 2,170 taels of raw opium, valued at \$6,510, and 800 taels of prepared opium, valued at \$9,600.

The vessel, which arrived in port on Friday evening, shortly after 6.30 p.m., was boarded immediately by R. O. Ward and a party of detectives, who, acting on information received, proceeded to search the furnaces.

When the case was called at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning, three Chinese firemen were placed in the dock. The defendants are:

Cheng Ah-pang,
Ng Ah-po and
Wang Lun-ching.

Each defendant pleaded 'not guilty.'

Revenue Officer "W. Ward" was the first witness called by the Police. Witness said that at 6.30 p.m. on Friday evening he went on board the s.s. "Luchow," which was lying at No. 12 buoy, and searched the ship. Arriving at the stokehold, witness climbed in through the furnace.

The Magistrate: "Was it alright?"

—No, it was out, but it was very hot.

Continuing, witness said that in the first furnace he took out two bags, and in the next he found two more. One of those was broken, tins of opium were lying loose. The 2nd. Engineer was present. All the firemen were mustered, but the No. 1 fireman was missing. Witness got the comrade to interpret, and by that means ascertained that the three defendants were actually working in the stokehold on Friday afternoon when the fire was out. They told the comrade that the No. 1 fireman gave them the opium to put inside the furnaces. Witness then arrested the three defendants.

John Wilson Radley, 2nd. Engineer of the s.s. "Luchow," was the next witness called. Witness said that he was present at a muster of firemen. The three defendants were coal-trimmers and were on duty on Friday afternoon. His Worship: Where was the No. 1 fireman?—I do not know. I sent for him at 4.30 and was informed that he had left the ship. I have not seen him since.

The Magistrate asked Senior Revenue Officer Clarke what he had to say with regard to the charge of possession. He, the Magistrate, had no doubt that the No. 1 fireman was responsible.

S.R.O. Clarke: The three defendants have admitted having put it there.

His Worship: They are all convicted. Is anything known about them?

S.R.O. Clarke: No.

Major Willson said that in view of the large amount involved—the maximum penalty for a seizure of this size is a fine of \$161,100—he would postpone sentence until this morning.

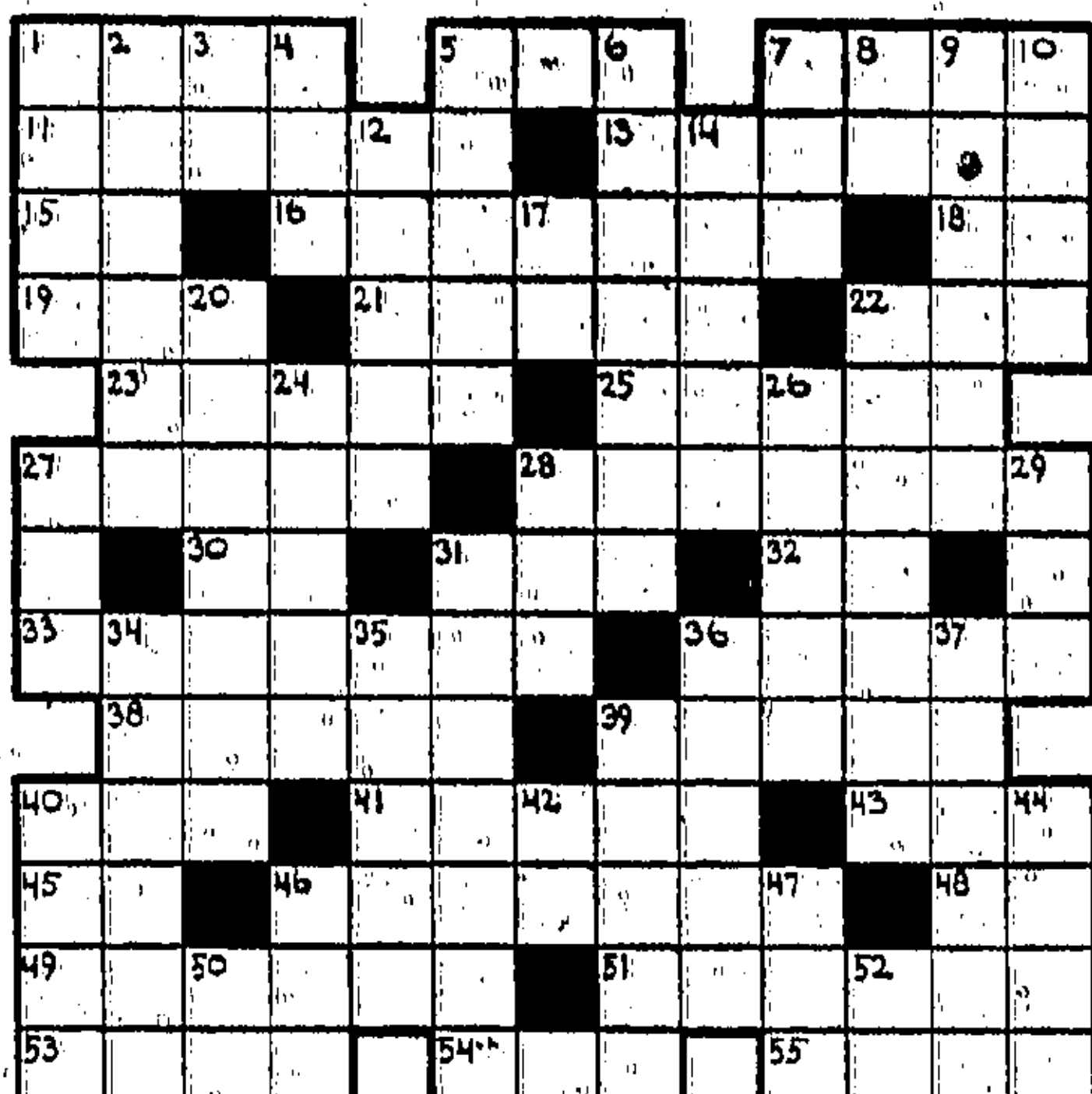
When the three defendants were brought before the Bench at the commencement of this morning's hearings at the Central Magistracy his Worship fined each defendant \$1,000 with an alternative of three months' hard labour.



Nicola Caporici (15) was taken from an hotel in Locce, Italy, where he was a valet, to America by Tito Schipani, opera star, who believes that his voice can be developed for opera roles.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-A raised platform
- 5-An acrobatic
- 7-A shaped mass, as of bread
- 11-Dangerous
- 13-Come out
- 15-One
- 16-Branded
- 18-Exclamation
- 19-Limb
- 21-Fall flower
- 22-Perished
- 23-Get up
- 25-In borne along
- 27-Principle of a political platform
- 28-Cautious replies
- 30-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 31-Boy's nickname
- 32-Heavenwards
- 33-Slightly agitated, as water by a breeze
- 34-One who uses (pl.)
- 35-Prevent

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39-Greek goddess of peace
- 40-Gave food to
- 41-Amulet
- 43-Spigit
- 45-A Gulf State (abbr.)
- 46-Showed
- 48-Perform
- 49-Football squad
- 51-Worships
- 53-A continent
- 54-Motor fuel
- 55-A small pie.

VERTICAL

- 1-Twofold
- 2-To fix by heating and cooling
- 3-Exalts (abbr.)
- 4-To impair
- 5-Stop
- 6-Measured
- 7-Guided
- 8-Conjunction
- 9-Struck dumb with horror

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 10-A notable performance
- 12-A flat bottle
- 14-Worth
- 17-Pronoun
- 20-Sailed
- 22-Snake
- 24-Unsuitable
- 26-To dranch
- 28-By means of
- 29-A coil
- 30-Signal of distress
- 31-Designating
- 34-Perfection (pl.)
- 35-To go away
- 36-Heated
- 37-A school book
- 38-Members of ancient South American races
- 40-An insect
- 42-Upon
- 44-To mail
- 46-Girl's name
- 47-Point
- 50-East Indies (abbr.)
- 52-Egyptian sun-god

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them; and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.56	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.00	5.46
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29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.48
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NEW YORK FOG.

"MAJESTIC" DELAYED ELEVEN HOURS.

New York, Dec. 12.

Dense fog has caused the most serious tie-up for years. Approximately 10,000 passengers are affected. Only four out of twelve liners scheduled to sail have ventured, and only one out of twelve incoming vessels has docked.

The "Majestic" with 2,300 people aboard, has delayed her sailing for eleven hours.—Reuter's American Service.

TONNAGE TAX.

SPAIN AND UNITED STATES SHIPPING.

OPERATORS' DIFFICULTIES.

The difficulties confronting operators of American steamships engaged in Mediterranean trade were emphasized by Mr. Henry E. Frick, vice-president of the Export Steamship Corporation, in the course of a recent interview with a representative of the New York "Journal of Commerce."

Mr. Frick, who has made a tour of the Mediterranean ports, laid special emphasis on the handicap caused through the operation of the Spanish Tonnage Tax Law of 1909. "This tonnage tax," he observed, "was established for the protection of Spanish tonnage against the inroads of French and Italian competition, but under the interpretation of the law vessels trading between Britain, France, Germany or other European countries and Spanish ports are exempt from the tax on the ground that they do not operate on the high seas. The tax, therefore, is actually a discrimination against commerce between the United States and Mediterranean ports."

"In some instances steamship companies have attempted to avoid this tax by inserting clauses in their bills of lading or charter-parties providing that all dues on cargo in Spain or dues imposed on steamers in Spain by reason of having this cargo on board shall be paid by the cargo. This procedure, however, has proved useless, because when the shippers or consignees of cargo carried on steamers of other than Spanish lines are penalized, shippers merely revert to shipping by Spanish vessels, thereby avoiding the additional expense."

On the subject of rebating, Mr. Frick mentioned the practice of foreign lines operating from Marseilles in protecting favoured shippers by accepting shipments of less than the current rate of exchange, this amounting in some instances to a rebate of 30f. to the pound sterling.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For carrying 17 passengers more than allowed by her licence, the mistress of a coalle boat was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning.

Cape Town, December 12.—Sixteen men and one woman from the Transvaal, all British, have been deported under the Immigration Act, chiefly for illicit liquor selling.—Reuter.

Madras, December 12.—Swedish missionaries, and others staying with the Governor, welcomed the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden on their arrival on a visit to India, during which they will be the guests of the Government.—Reuter.

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"ECONOMIC CRIME."

VERDICT ON OIL-BURNING SHIPS.

AMERICAN VIEWS.

In the course of an interview with a representative of the New York "Journal of Commerce," the oil-burning system employed in American vessels was described as an economic crime by Captain C. A. McAllister, president of the American Bureau of Shipping. Captain McAllister was of the opinion that the fuel could be used to far more advantage in internal-combustion engines and as gasoline and lubricating oil in the important industries of the country. He believed that the recent report made by the Federal Oil Conservation Committee presented one of the most stupendous problems that the United States had been called on to solve.

He pointed out that the Shipping Board figures for 1925 revealed that 10,700,000 barrels of oil were consumed by the Government's merchant ships alone. The United States liner "Leviathan" loaded 9,000 tons of fuel-oil at New York, when departing on a round trip to Southampton, via Cherbourg and return. That was the limit of her fuel-carrying capacity. When she arrived on the other side it was necessary to take on an additional 4,000 tons for her return.

Not only were American ships tending to deplete the oil supply of the United States, he pointed out, but those of foreign nations loaded huge quantities of New York and other ports of the United States. "The present situation," he continued, "was brought home to me by a prominent British shipping man whom I met abroad. This man said that within five years the United States would be forced to purchase oil from Great Britain and other foreign powers. As his remark was made several weeks before the recent Federal report, warning of a shortage, I attach much significance to the Britisher's remarks, as it shows that they are aware of our plight."

Use of Pulverised Coal.—Captain McAllister, who is chairman of the Fuel Conservation Committee of the Shipping Board, said he believed pulverised coal would offer a solution for marine fuel. Several large coal companies, including the Fuller-Lehigh Company, had been carrying on experiments for the last several months, he added. The Fuller-Lehigh apparatus is now at the League Island Navy Yard, but, due to friction between several Government departments which are taking part in the tests, the trials have been temporarily halted.

"Lack of co-ordination among several Government departments," he concluded, "has delayed the trials, but present indications point to ultimate success. This is the first time that pulverised coal has been burned in a Scottish boiler marine plant, and I have no doubt of its eventual success."

SHIPPING NOTES.

"N.E. and East wind, gale, heavy sea from Cape Varella to Hong Kong"—reports the s.s. "Wong Shek Kung" on arrival here on Saturday from Saigon (left Dec. 5.)

On the voyage to Hong Kong from Calcutta via Singapore, of the s.s. "Takiwa," among the 1,206 deck passengers one died from heart failure.

The s.s. "Seangkee" arrived here this morning with 1,136 deck passengers from Rangoon via Singapore. One of the deck passengers died from pulmonary tuberculosis at Port Swettenham.

Coming to Hong Kong from Sandakan and Jesselton, the s.s. "Lok Sun" sighted a derelict junk 17 E. by N. from Waglan.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	33
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	5
Japanese	4
Chinese	12
Dutch	6
Portuguese	2
French	2
Danish	1
Total	67

Dec. 11 and 12:—Arrivals, 11 British and 12 others, total 23; departures, 12 British and 14 others, total 26.

U.S. NAVY

INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS URGED.

Washington, Dec. 12.

The annual report of Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, to President Coolidge contains a strong appeal to the Government to loosen its purse strings in order that the Navy may be maintained at the full strength permitted by law.

Mr. Wilbur says that with the limited funds available it has been necessary to concentrate on repairs rather than on alterations required to keep first line ships up to their proper standards for fleet service. There are 50,160 officers on the roll for 1926, being 3,309 under strength.

It is also impossible for the same reason to maintain the "required" 86,000 enlisted strength by 4,000.

Mr. Wilbur urges that the nominations to the Annapolis Naval Academy be restored to the basis of five for each member of Congress instead of as present three, necessitated by cuts in the naval estimates.

Construction of Airships.

Referring to the failure hitherto, owing to lack of supplies, to begin the construction projected on the six million cubic feet airships, Mr. Wilbur observes that some concern is felt by air officials because the supply of helium obtainable at the plant at Fort Worth, Texas, is dwindling.

The report records notable improvement in anti-aircraft gunnery and announces that power-propelled catapults are being installed on battleships for the launching of observation and scouting planes. Mr. Wilbur describes the general health of the United States Navy as excellent, the daily sick total being under three and the desertions the lowest on record.—Reuter's American Service.

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DEVANHA	8,155	31st Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	8,155	1st Jan.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	8,852	5th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	7th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,241	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	8,097	11th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	13th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MONGOLIA	16,504	15th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACE DONIA	11,120	17th Jan.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	19th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	10,241	21st Jan.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MAIWA	7,023	25th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,018	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
KASHGAR	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,241	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	10,241	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MAIWA	7,023	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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RECEIVER'S STATEMENT.

Particulars of the collapse of
"Russian Lloyd," 15, George
Street, London, E.C., have been
issued to creditors and contribu-
tories by the Official Receiver.
The statement of affairs shows
liabilities £13,339 and assets
£4,997. The winding-up order
was made on June 29, 1926, upon
the petition of the former man-
agers of the "branch business"
established by the company in
the United Kingdom, creditors of
the company.

The company (whose principal
office was in Retrograd) was in-
corporated in Russia on June 12,
1870, under the style of "Russian
Lloyd" for the transaction of
marine, river and land transport
insurance. On October 21, 1909,
the company's name was changed to
the "Insurance Company Russian
Lloyd" and its objects were ex-
tended so as to include, in addi-
tion to its original powers, fire,
accident, sickness, life endowment
and plate-glass insurance. The
company had power, under its
articles of association, to re-insure
with other insurance companies,
both Russian and foreign, the
risks accepted by it, and also to
accept reinsurances of risks un-
dertaken by other companies. So
far as the Official Receiver has
been able to ascertain, the busi-
ness transacted in Great Britain
by or on behalf of the company
has been the reinsurance of
underwriters and other insurance
companies, of proportions of the
marine risks accepted by the com-
pany in Russia, and the accept-
ance of reinsurances of fire risks
undertaken by insurance com-
panies carrying on business in
Great Britain. According to its
articles of association, the
"capital stock" of the company
was fixed at 3,000,000 roubles,
divided into 6,000 shares of 500
roubles each.

Cause of Failure.

A considerable amount is
stated to be owing to the com-
pany under fire reinsurance con-
tracts, and the winding-up peti-
tion was presented by the branch
managers in order that a liqui-
dator, having power to realise
the company's assets, and com-
petent to give a valid discharge
for moneys due to the company,
might be constituted or appointed.

The failure of the company is
due primarily to the compulsory
liquidation, under the decree of
the Russian Government, of in-
surance companies carrying on
business in Russia, a secondary
cause of failure being the ter-
mination of the reinsurance con-
tracts between British insurance
companies and the company. As
a result of the statutory meet-
ings of creditors and contributories
held on July 26, the Court, on
August 6, appointed Mr. James
Threlkeld, of Basildon House, Moor-
gate, London, E.C., chartered
accountant, as liquidator.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURE.

List of passengers departed by
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Prof. L. A. Cotton, Mr. W. M.
Christie, Miss M. E. Combe,
Mrs. E. H. Derrick, Mr. A. T.
Edwards, Mr. C. Buller, Mr. W.
L. Forsythe, Mrs. M. M.
Ferguson, Mr. F. L. Gascoe,
Miss K. Hebron, Mrs. Holstaff,
Mr. J. N. Hodgkinson, Mr. H.
M. Kendall, Mrs. L. Ketcham,
Mr. W. F. Knapton, Lt. N. G.
Leeper, R.N., Mrs. Lambert,
Miss M. Martin, Sir and Lady
R. Macleay, K.C.M.G., Mr. H.
C. Maller, Miss Moninger, Mr.
and Mrs. R. S. McHardy, Miss
J. McHardy, Miss S. McHardy,
Miss F. McHardy, Mr. and Mrs.
W. B. Mackay, Miss Mackay,
Mr. Markham, Dr. and Mrs. D.
D. Main, Sir H. Murray,
Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Agnew and
two infants, Lieut.-Comdr. C. C.
Alexander, Mr. T. R. Angus,
Miss F. A. Britton, Mr. H.
Canning, Mr. Chew Boon-hearn,
Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Church,
Pay-Lieut. E. D. T. Churches,
R.N., Mr. F. F. Clarke, Capt.
N. W. V. Cortlandt, Mr. and
Mrs. Chang Po-sung, Miss M.
Cheong, Mr. and Mrs. M. M.
Dorland, Flight Lieut. W.
Farley, Mr. L. Giles, Miss R.
Giles, Mr. C. E. L. Grist, Mrs.
F. T. Harris, and infant, Master
K. Harris, Mr. J. Howard, Mrs.
E. V. Kutchina, Mr. Lam Kow-
kwong, Mr. E. D. Lawrence,
Mr. Lee Cheon-ong, Mr. C. R.
Longden, Capt. G. E. W.
Lushington, Mr. T. B. Mackin-
non, Mr. A. McAlpin, Mr. S. B.

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kheng, Mr. R. P. Phayer, Mr.
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Nolan, Col. and Mrs. B. Nauth,
Mrs. L. H. Ogebay, Mr. Pelikan,
Miss A. Pollock, Mr. E. F. Pigot,
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and Mrs. E. C. T. Pelham, Mr.
W. Foss, Mr. and Mrs. J. P.
Rodwell, Master H. Rodwell,
Miss J. Rodwell, Miss P.
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chi, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. A. S. H.
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son, Mr. Tseng Yin-lan, Miss
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Quingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	KUNGSANG	Fri., 17th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Sat., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Mon., 20th Dec., at Noon.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 24th Dec., at 2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	LAISANG	Tues., 28th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sat., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
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INTERESTING REPORT.

Commenting upon the efficacy of
the various methods adopted for
the elimination of rats on ship-
board and on dock properties, Dr.
A. A. Mussen, port medical officer
of Liverpool, in his annual report
on the operations of the Port Sanitary
Authority expresses the
opinion that in future it should be
possible to apply the principle of
rat-proofing during the construction
of vessels, without much additional
expense, if naval architects and
shipbuilders will devote attention
to the subject. But he goes on
to state that vessels become in-
fested with rats does not depend
only on their construction; other
factors are equally important, e.g.,
the nature of the cargo carried, the
conditions existing at the ports of
call and the duration of the voyage.

Need of fumigation.
Consequently in the application
of rat-repressive measures ships
should not be considered collecti-
vely, but individually. The rat-
proofing of ships cannot fail to re-
duce the number of rats, but it will
not avoid the necessity for fumiga-
tion in all cases. At any rate for
some time to come both fumiga-
tion and rat-proofing will be re-
quired. It may be said with cer-
tainty that half-hearted fumigation
as a plague preventive measure is
worse than no fumigation at all.
The present need is not so much
for frequency as for thoroughness
in fumigation, and in obtaining
thoroughness and reducing fre-
quency the rat-proofing of ships
will be of great assistance.

Crew's Accommodation.
In an increasing number of
ships, says Dr. Mussen, crews'
quarters are now situated aft of
amidships. The modern tendency
to cruiser sterns not only give in-
creased accommodation but renders
it possible to make better use of
the space available. Many ship
owners provide crew accommoda-
tions greatly in excess of the bare
legal requirements.

At one time progress along these
lines was arrested, the report says,
by an apparently lack of apprecia-
tion on the part of the men of the
amenities provided, and this is still
used as an excuse by the less pro-
gressive ship owners, but crews now
undoubtedly appreciate good
accommodation, as shown by the
way men stick to a good ship voyage
after voyage.

It is now rare to find any abuse
of the extra comforts provided.
The degree of uncleanness is not
usually serious, the report con-
tinues, and the men when paid off
do not leave their quarters in the
filthy condition which was not infrequently found.

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ed after the 20th December, 1926,
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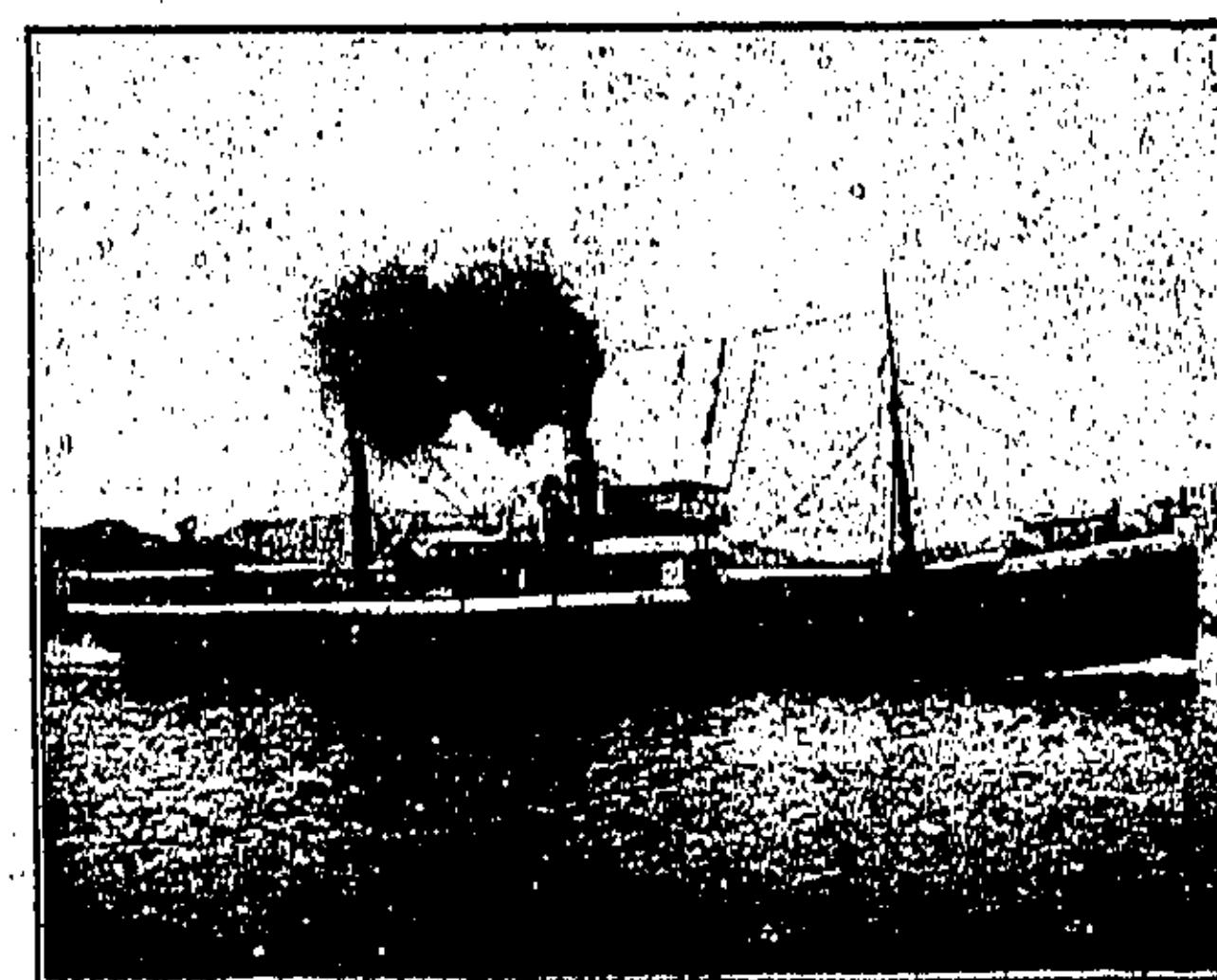
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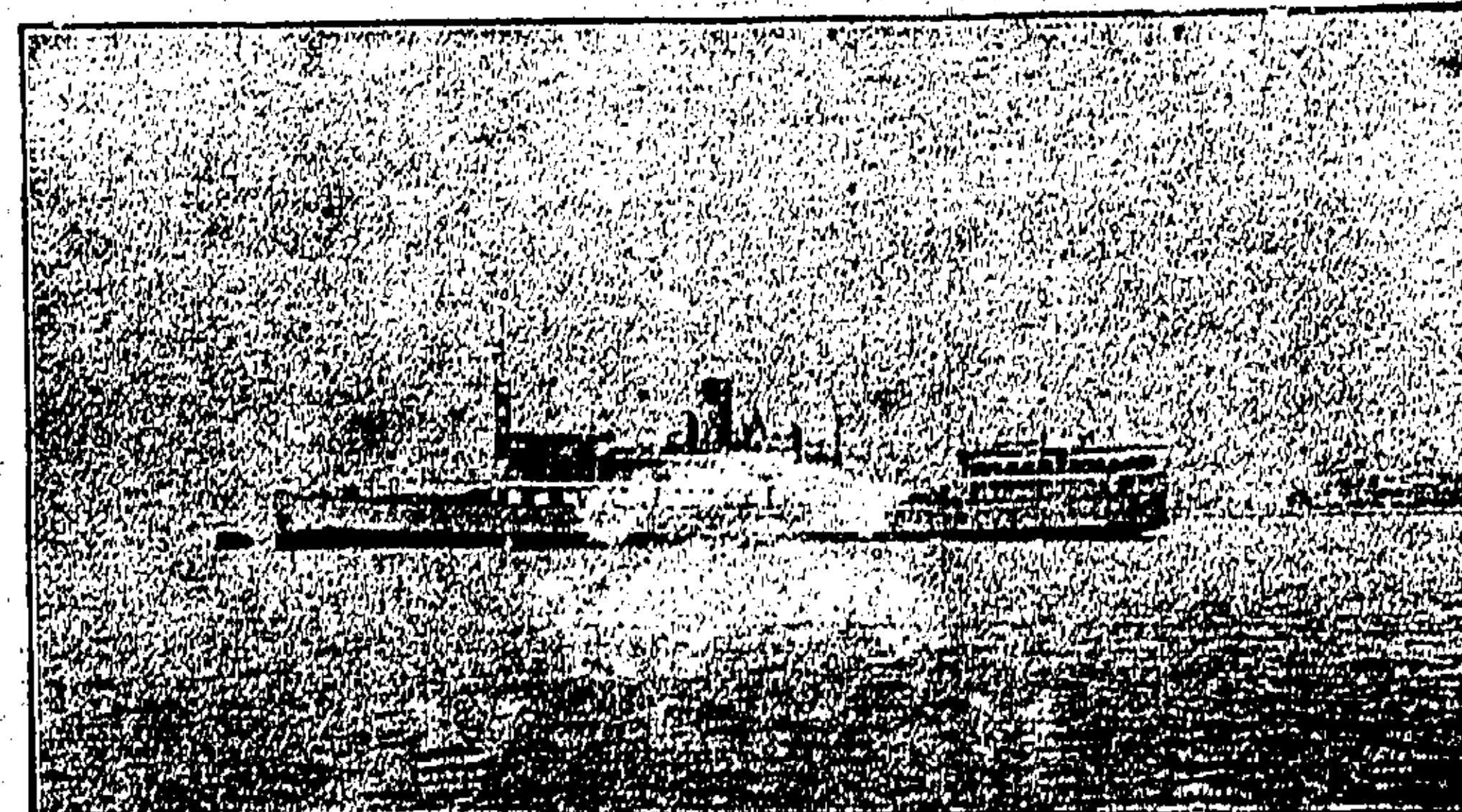
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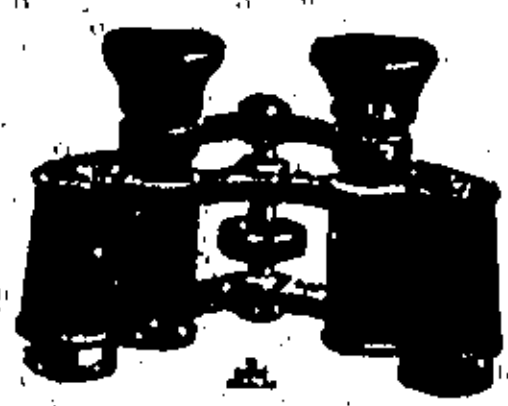
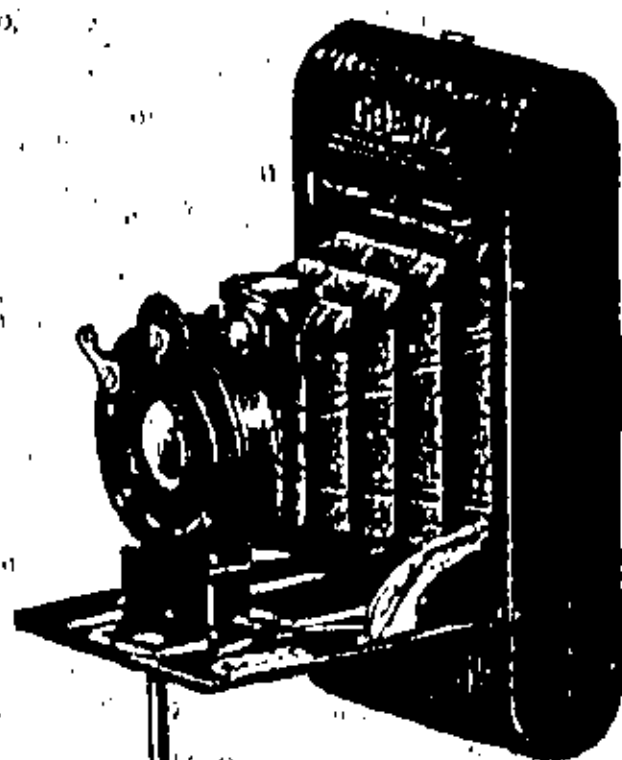
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CANTON'S POSITION.

Nothing if not interesting at the moment are some comments by a contributor to the "Canton Gazette" on the suggestion by the China Association regarding the eventual recognition by the Powers of the Cantonese Government. Our contemporary's article finds fault with the suggestion because of its provision to recognise simultaneously a Peking Government. It terms this another attempt at dividing China and at fostering dissension, and it plays on the old note of the "Imperialist attitude" and "odious Imperialist intervention." The writer can find no good in any ideas for the good of China outside the Cantonese zone of influence. He terms the China Association's suggestion "co-operation at the task of governing China" which is not "exactly flattering," adding that "it is not to be expected that politeness and courtesy should be displayed as conspicuous Imperialist virtues."

The absurdity of reasoning on the part of the Canton paper's contributor may be illustrated by the following paragraph:—

"This whole matter is illustrative, we think, of the Imperialist attitude, and, more specifically, of the British policy. The Powers are still hoping against hope that a rival Government might yet be established at Peking, so that it might then be possible, in the midst of discussions that might arise between these Governments of the north and south of China, for Imperialist interests to flourish, and the status quo of the Powers continue."

It does not occur to the writer of the foregoing that Peking has not yet been eliminated and that whilst Peking exercises control of the Customs, Post Offices, and so forth, it cannot be written of as non-existent. Canton itself has always recognised Peking's control in this respect. All the existing Treaties with the Powers were made on behalf of China by Peking. At the same time it would be as absurd to recognise Peking to-day as governing all China as it

would be to recognise Canton as governing all China. And vice versa! If we wait until one does govern all China, Canton cannot expect to get sole recognition until it has eliminated the whole of the North. Thus the "Canton Gazette" writer, besides rushing blindly to accuse Britain of taking sides to "break up China"—(which is already broken!)—is actually implying considerations which debar Canton from being recognised at once!

The Cantonese Government has essayed the task of creating a united China. It cannot but admit that its control at present is limited to several provinces. If it ever reaches its objective, then will be the time to seek recognition from the Powers as a Government governing the whole of China.

Provincial Autonomy.

We are getting quite accustomed to the "Westminster Gazette," thinking it time to do this or to do that. Does that journal honestly believe that provincial autonomy would adjust the present chaos in China? Admitted that the land is rotting politically and that civil wars have undermined its frail structure of state; that corrupt politicians and military adventurers have preyed upon the weakened members—would provincial autonomy really remedy the present state of affairs? Take a look at conditions in the so-called independent provinces. Each tuchun dominates his province and is a law unto himself, thanks to his control of troops and taxes. As most provinces of China are fully as large as France, a tuchun might well be compared with a pre-war European potentate, but with the power of an Asiatic despot. It cannot be denied that several tuchuns have made millions by trafficking in opium. Others sell concessions. Not a few have levied tribute on subject-towns under one pretext or another. And each one maintains his rule by force. No. Whether or not the Powers decide to recognize the Cantonese Government—a course which most people who know anything about the subject frankly think should have been adopted long ago—the present is most decidedly not the time to talk about provincial autonomy. There are many things to be achieved ere that can, if ever, be discussed.

BANK LOSES.

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case in question and to negotiations between the parties respecting indemnity.

Mr. Potter said that he wished to make it clear that no indemnity had been offered or even discussed between the legal representatives of the parties.

Judge's Suggestion.

His Honour concluded his judgment as follows:—
"I tentatively suggest as suitable a guarantee to be given by a corporation of like standing with the Bank itself to refund to the Bank the sum to be paid to the plaintiff if at any time within the period to be named the manager of the Bank should certify another payment made on a genuine note of the series to which the original note in this case belongs. That series, if not the note itself, can be identified."
His Honour then gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. The application of Mr. Potter for a stay of execution pending a possible appeal was granted.

LT. MAUDE'S DEATH.

TRAGIC END TO SHOOTING PARTY.

A FATAL STUMBLE.

News of the tragic end of Lieut. Maude, the well-known naval aviator and sportsman, came as a great shock to the many friends he has made in Hong Kong while stationed here, first with H.M.S. "Hermes" and later with H.M.S. "Vindictive."

The sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved relatives at Home. Lieut. Maude came of a well-known family, his father being Sir Stanley Maude, the hero of Bagdad. He was nephew to the Bishop of Kensington to Mr. Morris Maude, the well-known F.M.S. planter, of Cicely Estate, Lower Perak, and Cyril Maude, the actor.

Walking Down Slope.

Lieut. Maude's death occurred on Saturday whilst he and two friends were walking down a steep slope on Lantau Island after game shooting in the interior. They were making for yacht which had brought them there two hours previous. It was dusk at the time and Lieut. Maude, who was walking behind his two companions (Lieut. H. A. Day and Mr. Montague), must have stumbled, causing his loaded rifle to go off. When his companions turned they saw him lying on the ground very severely injured in the face and head.

The injured officer was put on board the yacht and taken with all despatch to Tsin Wan where the motor ambulance was sent on receipt of a telephone message from Sergt. Forbes. Lieut. Maude was then taken to the Kowloon Military Hospital, but on arrival there, life was pronounced extinct. From the extent of the injuries, it was judged that death must have been almost instantaneous.

Naval Record.

The deceased, who attained seniority in April, 1920, first came to the China station in 1925, with H.M.S. "Hermes." As a qualified pilot he did a certain amount of flying, participating in the flying "exhibitions" over the harbour which aroused such considerable interest.

When H.M.S. "Hermes" left the China Station for the Mediterranean, Lieut. Maude was left in Hong Kong with two other officers in charge of a flight of seaplanes housed in the naval camp, Kowloon. He was temporarily transferred to the "Tamar" but on the arrival of H.M.S. "Vindictive" he was posted to that vessel.

Deceased was a member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and did a good deal of sailing at one period, owning "Loa" of the Heyward Heys class. He was fond of riding, and owned the well-known pony Black Mouse. Lieut. Maude also frequently played polo, and rode at Happy Valley and Kwanti. He acted as best man at Lieut. Day's wedding recently.

Assisted Gallaria.

When the Spanish aviators flying from Spain to Manila had trouble with their machine at Macao, Lieut. Maude was sent from Hong Kong to assist. Lieut. Gallaria. When Gallaria first arrived it was Lieut. Maude who flew from Hong Kong to Macao and dropped a congratulatory message to the Spanish aviator, and gave a wonderful exhibition flight with stunts over the Portuguese colony.

The funeral will take place at 5 p.m. to-day.

TRY AGAIN.

MR. LINDSELL AND HIS INTERPRETER.

"He said nothing of the sort. Please interpret correctly," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell to the Court interpreter at the Central Magistracy this morning when examining a Chinese charged with obstructing the footpath with a quantity of cases.

"He spoke a mixture of Foochow and Cantonese, so I must interpret rather carefully," replied the interpreter.

His Worship: Well, you don't seem to have got much sense out of him, try again.

After hearing the Indian sergeant who arrested the defendant, his Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

ROPE CO. SHARE CALL.

The final call of \$5 per share on the new shares of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., payable on Dec. 15, has been postponed till March 15, 1927.

An announcement to this effect is made by Messrs. Shevin, Tomes & Co., general managers, and will be found on page 12.

CANTON'S POSITION.

"NOT SO STRONG AS IT APPEARS."

CHANGES ON YANGTZE.

Peking, Dec. 11.
Well informed Chinese and foreigners recently returning from the Yangtze state that the situation has changed considerably during the past six weeks. They assert that while the Cantonese were welcomed as deliverers on their arrival, heavy taxation, strikes and the lack of control have alienated large numbers of Chinese.

They state that the Huiyuan Tapan Tang Seng-chi and other militarists merely used the Cantonese in order to rid themselves of dangerous rivals, but that they really do not adhere to the Kuomintang and its principles, nor are they willing to submit to their authority. They allege that Tang Seng-chi is willing to treat with Chang Kai-shek as an equal, but is not willing to take orders from him, and that a similar situation prevails in Hupeh and Kiangsi, hence the Cantonese position is not so strong as it appears and the main result of the past few months' campaign has been to strengthen the demand for provincial autonomy, the central provinces not desiring the control either of Canton or Mukden.—Reuter.

Italian Ship Seized.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
In a message from Ichang it is reported that General Yang Sen endeavoured to commandeer British and American vessels to convey troops down the river, but the presence of foreign gunboats and the intervention of the British Consul obtained the withdrawal of his soldiers.

The Chinese troops subsequently proceeded down the river in Chinese transports and an Italian vessel which was seized.—Reuter.

Parcels Tax.

Chefoo, Dec. 11.
The Shantung military authorities commenced to-day the collection of a "goods tax" of about two per cent. on all inward and outward parcels.

Owing to the post office refusing to deliver or accept parcels until the tax is paid, it is impossible for Chinese and foreigners to avoid payment.

It is reported that the tax will be extended to freight shipments next week. Merchants and the Chambers of Commerce are protesting.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Surtaxes on Trade.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
A Japanese telegram from Peking states that Sir F. Aglen has received reports from the Customs at Hankow, Changsha and Kiu-kiang to the effect that the Southern Government intends to levy surtaxes on imports and exports in those cities.—Reuter.

Mme. Sun Yat-sen.

Canton, Dec. 11.
Madame Sun Yat-sen, accompanied by her brother, Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government left Kiu-kiang on December 8 after having attended the Lushan Conference. They arrived in Wuchang on the afternoon of the same date amidst a great welcome.

It is learned that the length of Madame Sun's stay in Wuchang is indefinite.—Canton Information Bureau.

"RALPH'S" SHIELD.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The Hong Kong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade turned out in full force yesterday morning for the commencement of the annual Inter-Division Competition for the Ralphs Shield.

Each division paraded on the Murray Parade ground at 9 a.m. when they drew for the order of going before the Judges—Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., and Drs. W. B. A. Moore and J. K. Milward.

The four units competing yesterday morning were the Indian Division, which opened the proceedings, the Y.M.C.A. Divisions, the King's College and Kowloon Divisions. Each Division was put through a test in platoon and stretcher drill, and, as seen from the Cathedral compound, presented a very smart appearance. The competition will be continued, and concluded, next Sunday, when more technical work will be carried out. This will include the collecting of wounded persons and the rendering of first aid, bandaging etc.

The officers present at yesterday's parade were Mr. E. Ralphs (Asst. Commissioner), Mr. A. Morris (Corps Commissioner), Corps Superintendents J. Ralston and G. W. C. Burnett, Divisional Superintendents A. J. Arcull and F. K. Ewart, and Ambulance officers Leung, Sui-ang, Chak Tai-kwong, Sze to Chung, A. H. Rumjahn and M. A. Khan.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

DICK NORTON'S GLOBE TROTTERS.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

"Dick" Norton and his Company are no strangers to Hong Kong. Mr. and Mrs. Norton have a host of friends in the Colony and may be assured of a big welcome whenever they pass through. But that is not all. They are both artists of distinction, and provided they continue to offer fare of last night's variety, they may be assured of something more than friendship—something which, from their point of view, is all-important—generous support.

The programme presented by the Globe-Trotters last night was just the kind of programme that Hong Kong wants. A "snappy" opening chorus, some priceless foolery between Dick Norton and Leo Brooker, a song by Miss Billie Conway, a balalaika solo by Dimoff, a song-scene by Dick and his charming wife, and a concerted number to close the show. "Potted revue, indeed. But potted with ingredients of the best variety."

The Globe Trotters and the Queen's Theatre Orchestra make an excellent combination. The lighting effects, also, are worthy of praise, the colours being blended with skilful effect to enhance the attractiveness of the stage settings.

The feature film which completes the programme is "North of 36," the companion picture to "The Covered Wagon." The principal roles are filled by such famous players as Lois Wilson, Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, and Noah Beery. "North of 36" is a stirring story of Texas in the pioneering days and offers some excellent scenes of the great cattle country. The terrible stampede in the night far exceeds anything of the sort the screen has yet offered. The filming is remarkably good.

AIR ROUTES.

PUTTING HONG KONG ON THE MAP.

LORD MONTAGU'S APPEAL.

"Those interested in aviation must now get down to a regular air route, and so in the generous spirit of the pioneers who built railways, not as a paying proposition, but as an absolute necessity in Empire development." Sir Allan Cobham, whose words are quoted, is anxious to "get down to the job" of developing the air routes of the Empire, and there is no doubt that his recent flight from London to Sydney and back has stirred the popular imagination. In spite of his experience after leaving Singapore he describes flying in those regions as a "rest cure," compared with regular flying between London and Paris.

It now remains to be seen what effect his campaign will have on the development of Empire aviation. Already there are many who think with him that a regular and efficient service between Britain and Australia could be safely established.

Sir Samuel Hoare made an admirable statement on the subject to the Imperial Conference. His conception is that of several systems, British, Irish, Canadian, Australian, South African, and Indian, growing outwards simultaneously to link up in one.

Lord Montagu de Beaulieu, in an Imperial appeal for more research work, more machines, more orders for struggling firms, a more perfect chain of refuelling stations along air routes, pictures the world fifty years hence. "Who can doubt," he says, "that for the long distances to India, Australia, New Zealand, the Cape, the West Indies, the F.M.S., Hong Kong, and to other ports the ordinary means of transport will be by air? Already the globe of the earth, measured by time, shrinks every hour. Weeks are dwindling into days, miles are as furlongs, and time, not distance, is the gauge by which we reckon how near we are to-day."

Of course, there will arise questions as to the most suitable type of transport. Some will favour the alrship, some the seaplane, and others the aeroplane. The future may be as some claim, with the airship, but meantime Sir Allan Cobham favours the seaplane, and in this he is backed by Mr. R. C. Kemp, Managing Director of the Air Survey Co., Ltd., a pioneer in the use of seaplanes in the tropics. From 1920 to 1923 Mr. Kemp was Chief Inspector of Aircraft to the Government of India, and strongly advocated the use of "seaplanes," against a great deal of opposition. It was considered that the aeroplane would be more economical and would carry more at a lesser cost. He proved, however, that the seaplane was the safer, the two machines, and moreover, that bases cost less to construct than an aerodrome.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

EMPEROR'S DANGEROUS ILLNESS.

PRINCE LEAVING LONDON.

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The condition of the Emperor is causing grave anxiety. The Imperial household states that H.I.H. Prince Chichibu is expected to reach Tokyo via Vancouver on January 20. His Imperial Highness' attendants are accompanying him, although it has been found necessary to leave a certain amount of baggage in London.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Prince Leaving London.

London, Dec. 11.

In consequence of the Emperor of Japan's serious illness, Prince Chichibu, his second son, is returning home from London. He expects to leave early next week, travelling via Canada. The Prince has just completed his first term as undergraduate at Magdalen College, Oxford, and had intended to proceed to Madrid on Monday on a visit to the King of Spain. This arrangement was cancelled last night.—British Wireless Service.

Emperor Exhausted.

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

A bulletin issued states that the Emperor is apparently exhausted. He has no appetite. The Prince Regent goes to Yamato tomorrow to visit his father.—Reuter.

PASSING THROUGH.

DISTINGUISHED AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE.

Among passengers passing through Hong Kong on the s.s. "Macedonia" was Father Pigot, S.J., the Director of the Solomon and Observatory of St. Ignace College, Sydney. Father Pigot was returning from Japan where he had attended the Pan-Pacific Science Conference as one of the Commonwealth's scientific representatives.

After 45 Years.

Another passenger by the "Macedonia" was Dr. David Duncan Main, who, with Mrs. Main, was returning home after 45 years of medical missionary work in Hongchow.

Dr. and Mrs. Main came out to China in 1881 for the Church Missionary Society's work in a small opium refuge in Hongchow. After the smoking of opium was forbidden by law in China, the Society turned its attention to the healing of other kinds of suffering humanity, and from that time on the development of the Hongchow undertaking was rapid. Among the various honours which he has received from the Chinese in recognition of his devoted services, Dr. Main was made Mandarin of the Fifth Rank in 1895. This was followed by the Fourth Decoration of the Excellent Crop, after which he received the Third and the Second and last year the honours were added to by the Great Sash. He has translated several medical books into Chinese, including Cheyne's "Wounds, Abscesses and Ulcers," Playfair's "Midwifery" and Whittall's Dictionary.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S SHARE.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

In connection with the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1925 to Sir Austen Chamberlain and General Dawes, it is stated, though unofficially, that the value of the prize is £6,500, in which case Sir Austen Chamberlain would receive £3,250.—Reuter.

Recipients Interviewed.

Rugby, Dec. 11.

Interviewed at Geneva yesterday on the award to him jointly with General Dawes of the 1925 Peace Prize, Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed his appreciation of the international approbation on the peace work done at Locarno.

He added, "Representatives of seven powers contributed to the results obtained there. The largest share of whatever merit is claimed is due to M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann, and it doubles my pleasure that in the awards my name is associated with theirs."

Dr. Stresemann emphasised his justification at being the first German to whom the prize has ever been awarded and hoped that the future would justify the expectations of the present.

M. Briand said, "For the past two years Sir Austen Chamberlain, Dr. Stresemann, myself and colleagues have worked continuously to preserve the peace of Europe and the world. I hope history will show that the award was not misplaced."—British Wireless Service.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S COMMENT.

There has been, we understand, as great deal of adverse comment in local shipping circles regarding the commission which has just been appointed by the Hong Kong Government to inquire into the recent piracy of the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Sunning," the story of which has already been told in these columns at length, writes the "N. C. Daily News." The terms of reference under which the commission is to work are (a) to inquire how it was possible for the pirates to get on board with arms in their possession; (b) to inquire how it was possible for pirates to seize the ship; (c) to consider the efficiency of the anti-piracy fittings, etc.; and (d) to consider the supply of armed guards, the number to be carried, and their administration. The Commission appointed consists of the Hon. E. R. Hallifax (Chairman), the Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe, Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Commander F. N. Miles, R.N., W. G. Goggin, Esq., and Captain A. J. Holland. The objections to the Commission, we are given to believe, are not at all to do with the terms of reference, which are reasonable, but to the membership of the Commission and to the fact that its sittings and deliberations are to be conducted in camera, and looking at the matter from an entirely open viewpoint, it would seem that the objections are by no means unjustified.

Membership.

Let us take the membership of the Commission first. The Chairman is a highly-placed Government official; Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, as Commissioner of Police at Hong Kong, is similarly placed; and Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, the Harbour-master at Hong Kong, is likewise in the direct employ of the Government. Commander Miles is an experienced naval officer; Mr. Goggin is engaged in commerce and may be said to have no practical knowledge of the running of a ship at sea; and Captain A. J. Holland, the only Mercantile Marine officer appointed, while an officer of wide experience, has no knowledge of China Coast conditions. That the above gentlemen, one and all, will be imbued with the purest motives when the Commission sits there can be no doubt; but surely it was more than impolitic to appoint on a Commission, one of the chief duties of which will be to sift the efficiency of the Hong Kong Government's anti-piracy regulations, three highly-placed servants of the Government itself, two of whom—the Commissioner of Police and the Harbour-master—are directly concerned in the operation of those regulations? Of the abilities and integrity of Mr. Hallifax, the Chairman, there can be no doubt; but again, surely, in an important inquiry such as this, where the whole anti-piracy system is to be put on trial and the conduct of the officers and crew of the ship thoroughly sifted, one of the Colony's judges would have made a more ideal head of the Commission than the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Commander Miles may be said to represent naval interests and his appointment is a wise one; and no objection can be taken to Mr. Goggin as representing commercial interests which are affected so much by the piracy problem. The real ground for criticism is the omission of any representative of the class which invariably has to bear the brunt of any piracy—the officers of the ship, and in the fact that the general public, which also is not wholly unconcerned with the piracy question, is completely ignored. Surely the officers of China Coast ships had the prior right of all to representation in a matter which so vitally affects their welfare and their profession; and the uncomplaining public, which has suffered for so long at the hands of the gentlemen of Bias Bay, might also have been considered out of courtesy if nothing else.

Sitting In Private.

But what appears to be causing the strongest comment is that the Commission is to sit in private. Why this should be so, only the Hong Kong government appears to know, and the suggestion which has come from Hong Kong that the real reason is to prevent valuable information from reaching the pirates is unworthy of serious consideration. On principle if nothing else, there is every objection to an inquiry of this kind, affecting the travelling public to a great extent, and dealing with the conduct of the master and officers of the ship, and of the Indian guards, being held behind closed doors. The public pays for piracy, and for piracy-prevention, and as officers and other members of the crew of the "Sunning" are entitled to have their conduct accorded the fullest publicity, so also is the public entitled to know all details of the inquiry excepting, perhaps, a few matters concerning the defence of which only those immediately concerned ought to know about. Secret inquiries in a matter like this are opposed to every tenet of British justice, and it is strongly to be hoped that before the Commission actually sits the double decision will have been taken of throwing the whole inquiry open to the public and the press, and of admitting to membership at least one member of that branch of the Mercantile Marine which so worthily upholds the best traditions of the profession—the China Coast ship's officer.

[The Hong Kong Government has since appointed to the Commission a ship master having knowledge of the China Coast.]

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" AGAIN.

The Philharmonic Society scored another notable success in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when its second presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance" was given an enthusiastic welcome. The players appeared to have gained in confidence and the performance went with a fine swing. There were numerous demands for encore.

CHINA CRITICISED.

SCRAPPING OF TREATY WITH BELGIUM.

AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

By arbitrarily scrapping the Sino-Belgian Treaty of 1884 and refusing Belgium's legitimate and perfectly reasonable request for a reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, China has deliberately flouted the League of Nations, of the Council of which she is both a vociferous and a defaulting member. She has also violated the resolutions of the Washington Conference and dealt a blow at the whole structure of her international relationships. Many regard the abrogation as the first step to similar procedure with all the Treaty Powers and a test to determine the Powers' policy. French and Japanese Treaties also come up shortly for revision, and if Peking is successful now it will follow the same procedure with France and Japan. The only great Powers then which will enjoy extraterritoriality will be Great Britain and America, and China will have a pretext for agitation against them. The question not only involves the protection of foreign life under extraterritoriality but also property, as abrogation of the treaty gives the Chinese officials a means of imposing duties and taxes without the consent of the Powers, as stipulated in the present treaties. The crisis in the relations between China and the foreign Powers resulting from the arbitrary denunciation of the Belgian treaty is viewed with profound concern as a plain indication that the Chinese in authority are prepared to ignore any or all of their foreign obligations. By signing in 1922 the Optional Clause of the new Hague Court, China bound herself, both legally and in honour, to submit to any dispute with other signatories, like Belgium, of the present character. It therefore follows that Belgium's fellow-members of the League must take cognisance of Belgium's grievance as well as of China's bad faith. China's action, moreover, has been taken by a provisional Government, which has no constitutional basis and no authority anywhere in the land. The Belgian Legation has issued a long statement regarding its position vis-a-vis the Sino-Belgian Treaty and the breakdown of the negotiations, with the object of showing its conciliatory spirit and desire for a friendly arrangement as to a modus vivendi covering the period which must elapse before a new treaty can be made. The Peking Government's arbitrary action has therefore placed Belgium, and particularly Belgian interests in China, in a most disagreeable position, and naturally Belgium is anxious to ascertain what view is taken by the other Treaty Powers, notably the more interested and the stronger among them. She herself is impotent to defend her rights, a fact which may possibly have influenced China to act as she has done. In the Lung-hai Railway alone, the Belgians have a very large stake in China. They also have considerable trade interests, and the Powers, unless they are content to allow their own rights and privileges to go by the board, cannot afford to stand by and do nothing.

Although the British Government has made no individual protest against the special taxes on foreign trade which have been levied at Canton since the termination of the boycott a month ago, it has now associated itself in concerted action by the Diplomatic Body in Peking on behalf of all the Treaty Powers, including the United States, Japan, France, and Italy. The document, which is of an unusual brevity, places on record with the only de jure, though purely nominal, Government of China that the Treaty Powers cannot recognise the legality of the surtaxes on foreign imports and exports now being levied by certain provincial "Governments," such as those of Canton and Shantung. Copies to avoid the suggestion that any recognition of the Cantonese and other "Governments" is involved have been communicated to those provincial authorities concerned by the senior foreign Consular officer in each case. Thus, it seems for the moment that one month's discussion and an exchange of views between the Foreign Offices of the Treaty Powers have yielded no more result than a strictly formal protest, and apparently to steps towards preventing the levying of these unlawful surtaxes are to be taken. Each of the Powers, while unwilling to take such an initiative, lest the result should be Chinese discrimination against their own trade and traders, looks with suspicion upon any other Power that would moot and proceed to carry out a strong policy. And there the matter rests, another evidence, so it seems, to the Chinese that they may continue to do just as they please.—"China Express & Telegraph."

RECONSTRUCTION.

NATIONALIST PARTY'S PROGRAMME.

BANDIT SUPPRESSION.

Canton, Dec. 11.

The initiation of Nationalist reconstruction work is following in the wake of the Government official party travelling to Wu-chang, via Kiangsi. In a meeting with the Kiangsi Provincial Authorities at Nanchang practical measures were discussed and adopted for the unification of the currency, reorganisation of railway affairs, building and repairing of public highways, colonisation of barren lands and an investigation into the conditions of the mines, forests and rivers. Special attention has been paid to the financial affairs, resulting in a thorough plan of reorganisation. Similar work is already under way in Hupeh Province.

The Hankow situation has been grossly exaggerated by the foreign Press. The formation of labour unions, demands for a living wage and humane treatment have been heralded as a crisis and a danger to the foreign concessions. These have been invalidated by later reports of the facts of the situation. This outcry is viewed in Nationalist circles as provocative propaganda to convince the world of the necessity for armed intervention.

The campaign of systematic suppression of banditry in Kwantung through the co-operation of army divisions, local militia and specially trained troops has started.

News from the North indicates that precarious financial conditions are handicapping the proposed campaign against the Nationalist forces which continue their steady advance Northward.—Canton Information Bureau through Reuter's Agency.

"OFFICIOUS."

MAGISTRATE REBUKES LUKONG.

"I've never known of anybody being arrested for that before," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a coolie was charged with not carrying a light when pushing a barrow. The Cantonese-lookung who made the arrest informed the Magistrate that he thought the light had to be carried in front of the barrow, whereas in this case, the coolie carried one at the rear. "Of course he would be at the rear if he was pushing it. Don't be so officious in future," observed his Worship in discharging the accused coolie.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 13—Queen's Theatre; "North of 36" and the "Globe Trotters."

December 13—World Theatre; "Robin Hood."

December 13—Star Theatre; "Crimoline and Romance."

December 13, 17, 18—The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m., Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

December 14—Dance at Helena May Institute, organised by the Victoria Branch of the M.C.L. League.

December 16—Social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, 8.30 p.m. in the Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

December 16—Whist Drive at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

December 22-23—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

December 23—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

Sport.

December 13—Steeplechase meeting at Kwantli Race Course, Fanning.

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December 14—Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, West Pt., 5 p.m.

December 15—Union Church annual Congregation meeting, 8.30 p.m.

December 16—Extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 5.15 p.m.; annual meeting, 5.30 p.m.

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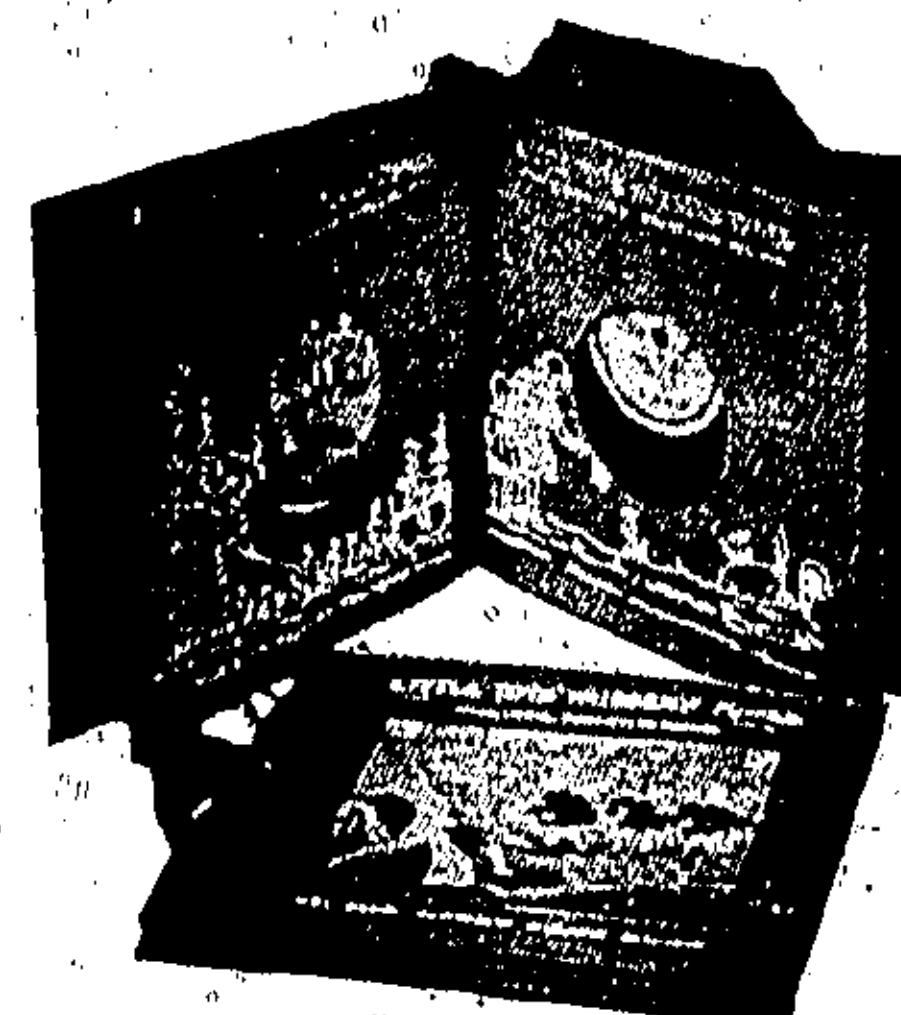
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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Valuable household furniture is to be sold by Messrs. Lammer Bros. at the Duddell Street auction rooms at 2.30 p.m. on Friday.

On Nov. 20 three youths were executed at Kao-Sung-chia, Hang-yang, by the troops stationed there creating disturbances in the vicinity.

The Soviet Government has raised the Customs Tariff on cotton and those who formerly had the right of free buying have now to pay 50 kopecks per kilo.

More than \$2,000 worth of jewellery and clothing became the spoil of five armed men, who slipped in to the premises at 69 Manila Road, Shanghai, through an open back door last Sunday week.

During the 48 hours ended on Sunday, the only case of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the medical officer of Health was one of diphtheria, the patient being a Chinese from the city district.

For stealing a quantity of timber from premises under course of construction in Queen's Road Central, a Chinese was sent to jail for three weeks by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Eight Chinese of different occupations made their appearance at the Mixed Court at Shanghai last week charged with being members of an organised gang of armed robbers; with being undesirable residents of the International Settlements; with returning from expulsion; with being in possession of arms and ammunition without permission of authority, and with attempted armed robbery. They were remanded.

Messrs. Cutler Palmer & Co.'s calendar for next year, a copy of which has been sent to the "China Mail," is a portrait of Captain Frank Cutler, R.N., founder of the firm in 1835, cut out in wood and painted in colours. The dates are the movable kind. The calendar issued by the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., showing a month's dates at a glance, is another useful New Year souvenir. Messrs. Gaudet Price & Co.'s calendar is a delightful water colour sketch of a sports girl armed for a day's golf—very attractive for home or office alike.

A Commissioner Bureau has lately been established by the Revolutionaries at the Yih Chang, outside the Ping Hu Gate, Wuchang.

A full attendance is requested for the meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, tomorrow at 5 p.m.

A Reuter cable from Singapore states that 450 American college students aboard the steamer "Ryndam," known as the "floating university," which is making a world cruise, were entertained on arrival at Government House at Singapore.

Charged at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning with using a public vehicle for hire purposes during prohibited hours and with attempting to bribe an Indian constable, a Chinese was fined \$75, with eight weeks' imprisonment, as the alternative.

A priest, Sing Tsoh, and a coolie named Tseng Poo-jan, were brought before the Mixed Court at Shanghai on a charge of causing bodily harm to one of the former's brothers in the Bubbling Well Temple. Sing Tsoh received three years' imprisonment and the coolie was expelled from the Settlement.

Whether the strikes that occurred in Shanghai during last week end are due to the agitation of Cantonese radicals is not known, and as far as has been discovered, there are no traces of actual southern interference. On the other hand the authorities are quite certain that they are the work of "Reds." The situation has involved nearly 7,000 workers, affecting only Chinese and Japanese mills.

Two Shanghai men, a coolie and a printer, devised an ingenious scheme of defrauding householders of different sums of money by posing as inspectors from the Waterworks Co. They victimised half a dozen people but the seventh would-be victim was too clever for them and he notified the police with the result that the two were brought before the magistrates and charged. The Bench sent them to prison for two years after which they will be expelled. The money found in their possession will be divided among their victims.

The Lions of the Orient, an affiliated Club to one in Tientsin and many in the United States, have held their first meeting at the N.Y. Club, Tsingtao.

The Paris "L'Ouvre" publishes the sensational assertion that the famous Mona Lisa picture in the Louvre is a fake and that, when the original was stolen years ago, a copy was put in its place.

According to a Peking telegram the Soviet Government has authorised the distribution of \$300,000 for the support of the universities in Peking, in addition to the \$200,000 already appropriated out of the Boxer's Indemnity fund.

Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. will hold an extraordinary meeting at the Hong Kong Hotel at 11 a.m. on December 20, when new Articles of Association will be proposed. A further meeting will be held on January 10 to confirm the resolution.

On Nov. 26, several groups of male and female students in Shanghai delivered inflammatory speeches denouncing Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and his administration. The lecturers confined themselves to Chinese territory, and several were dispersed by the Chapel police.

A former Chinese employee of Messrs. Ton and Co., in Hoonan Road, Shanghai, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Mixed Court after Det-Sub Inspector Tinkler had informed the Court that \$1,500 in cash and \$13,000 in securities were missed from the safe box between November 13 and 15. Inspector Bridge, of the Fingerprint Department, testified to the fact that the prints on the box and the prints taken from the accused corresponded. He also added that all the Japanese as well as Chinese staff were examined.

Alleged to have taken a car, the property of Mr. Dodson, of the Motor Cycle Exchange, and to have smashed it up near Hungghem, a seaman of H.M.S. "Hawkins" named Packmaster appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday on a charge of larceny of the car and driving without a licence. Damage done to the car, which was taken from the stand outside the "Star" ferry wharf, is stated to be \$500. Three others are stated to have accompanied defendant on the "joy-ride." Defendant was remanded in naval custody, the case being adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Van Ya-tien, secretary to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, arrived in Shanghai from Nanking on Nov. 27.

Mr. H. N. Ting, Chairman of the Tsingtao International Club, is ill and in the German Hospital. The case is not serious but is the result of fish poisoning when Mr. Ting was in Shanghai.

Mr. Charles MacVeagh, Jun., son of the American Ambassador to Japan, sailed for America on Nov. 20. He had been in Japan for some weeks, and is returning to England to continue his studies at Oxford.

Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, a well known scientist of the U.S. National Research Bureau in Washington, is on his way to the Philippine Islands. He attended a conference in Japan before taking a pleasure trip to China and the Philippines.

According to a British wireless message to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain will this week take over the duties of the Home Secretary from Sir William Joynson Hicks whose illness will probably prevent him from resuming work until early next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Freeman, of New York, have arrived in Tokyo and expect to spend some months there. Mr. Freeman, who has been engaged in newspaper work in America, has been retained as a member of the "Japan Advertiser" news staff.

Mr. A. Cecil Taylor of Peking, who had been spending several days in Shanghai as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Stellingwerff, left for Tientsin on November 27. He arrived in Shanghai from Kobe on Nov. 22, after a tour of Manchuria, Korea, and Japan.

The Penang office of Messrs. Adams and Allan has presented an address in satin, contained in a silver casket, to the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thorne, the senior partner, who is retiring at the end of the month to take up the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Federated Malay States.

Mr. W. V. Brydone-Jack has returned to Shanghai after a short business trip to Japan.

Mr. A. T. Downie has arrived in Shanghai and will represent Messrs. Collier & Stephenson there.

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on Nov. 8:—Capt. W. N. Custance, to "Yarmouth," in command (Nov. 20.)

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sussdorf, of the American Embassy in Tokyo, sailed for America on November 20. Mr. Sussdorf, who is first secretary in the American Embassy, has gone home on leave.



Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, who is filing suit for divorce against her husband, the famous movie actor.

Mr. Walter J. Clennell, for many years in the British Consular service in China, gave an interesting address on "China" at the weekly luncheon of the Teddington Rotary Club, held at the Clarence Hotel on October 26.

A Reuter cable from Paris announces the death of the Academician poet, Jean Richepin. Born in Algeria in 1849, the son of a French army surgeon, Richepin early developed his literary talents. Best known as a dramatist, perhaps, he produced a large number of plays right up to a recent period.

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SPORTS SECTION

SECOND CENTURY.

K.O.S.B. League Cricket Feat.

SCORES GENERALLY LOW.

Kowloon Secure a "Double" on Saturday.

Lt. Hankey of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, distinguished himself in the senior division of the cricket league on Saturday by scoring the second century of the season. The first stands to the credit of H. N. Bathatchet of the University, whose score of 122 not out is still the highest "official" to date.

In division H. H. A. Alves of Club de Recreo made 60 not out, which equals the previous best of 60, made by his club mate, H. M. Xavier.

Each of the seven league matches was played to a definite conclusion and there was no outstanding surprise.

Scores were generally on the low side and quite a number of bowlers came off with honours. Kowloon, C.C. won both their engagements. Details follow:

Division I.

C.R.C. v. BORDERERS.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. went down badly to the Borderers.

Captain Dobbie (7 for 31) was mainly responsible for the home side's prostration.

When the visitors went in to bat they got runs easily. Hankey scored 104 not out with a useful variety of strokes and hit 21 fours. Scores:—

C.R.C.

Ng Sze-kwong, c. Sawyer, b. Dobbie 3
C. Chou, b. Hagkey 1
T. E. Yeung, c. Sawyer, b. Dobbie 11
J. L. Young, c. Dobbie 24
H. C. Hung, b. Dobbie 1
W. L. Wei, b. Dobbie 1
H. L. Yung, c. Shillington, b. Hankey 10
H. F. Chin, not out 10
H. Ching, c. Perfect, b. Dobbie 1
K. L. Chou, c. Crawley, b. Dobbie 4
C. Wong, run out 0
Extras 5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 10 2 31 7
Hankey 8 1 39 2
Thorpe 2 4 1 1
Total (for 2 wks.) 191

K.O.S.B.

Capt. Thorpe, run out 31
Lt. Hankey, not out 104
Lt. Greig, retired 25
Lt. Shillington, not out 6
Extras 15

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Ching 6 0 31 0
Ng Sze-kwong 5 0 33 0
Yeoh 7 0 23 0
Un 2 0 15 0
Hung 6 0 30 0
Wong 4 0 21 0
Youngs 2 0 22 0

KOWLOON v. C.C.C.

Kowloon C.C. were not quite at full strength when Craigengower C.C. visited them but won by 85 runs.

A. W. Ramsay made 64 not out and had fielding contributed to the C.C.C.'s downfall.

N. H. Ross was the most successful bowler. Scores:—

K.C.C.

W. Bruce, c. Cassumbhoy, b. Hamson 23
A. W. Ramsay, not out 64
J. C. Loyal, b. Hamson 9
Capt. E. W. Morris, b. Hamson 31
F. Goodwin, not out 39
Extras 3

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 13 1 58 0
Mackay 6 0 30 0
Hamson 7 0 37 2
Zimmern 4 0 14 0
Cassumbhoy 5 0 17 0

C.C.C.

O. Ismail, b. Loyal 12
A. Kitchell, b. Goodwin 11
A. E. Hamson, b. W. B. Ross 4
U. M. Omar, c. Guest, b. Ross 7
T. Grimes, c. Bruce, b. Ross 4
Hall, b. Bruce 10
U. R. Ham, b. Bruce 21
F. Zimmern, b. W. B. Ross 2
H. F. Lim, not out 2
J. Cassumbhoy, c. Goodwin, b. Ross 6
N. Mackay, b. Ross 0
Extras 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 8 3 24 1
Loyal 10 3 21 2
Morris 4 0 6 0
Ross 6 4 2 17 5
Bruce 5 1 28 2

C.S.C.C. v. R.E. & S.

On the Civil Service ground, 19 wickets fell for 129 runs.

Of that total, the home side claimed a substantial portion, sufficient to give them an easy victory, as the Royal Engineers and Signals only made 31 before the onslaught of Ling (left-handed) and Sayer (right, slow). The winners now go to the top of the table. Scores:—

R.E. & R.C. of S.

Q. M. S. Rose, c. Holdman, b. Sayer 3
Sign. Holland, bowled Ling 0
Super Goudier, b. W. B. Ling 1
Captain Bridgland, bowled Ling 7
Major Greig, bowled Ling 10
Lt. Col. Mackintosh, c. Jones, b. Sayer 1
Sayer 0
S. S. Higgs, c. Ling, b. Sayer 0
C. S. M. Kennard, c. Baker, b. Sayer 4
Q. M. S. Johns, c. Fincher, b. Sayer 3
Sergeant Jones, not out 2
Supper Licence, bowled Ling 0
Extras 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Ling 7 1 14 5
Sayer 7 1 17 5

Civil Service.

F. J. de Rome, bowled Goudier 4
F. E. Lawrence, b. W. B. Ling 1
E. C. Fincher, c. Rose, b. Jones 32
A. E. Wood, b. Goudier 1
R. Jones, b. Goudier 4
F. Baker, b. Goudier 4
E. W. Hamilton, bowled Jones 16
G. R. Sayer, bowled Jones 26
F. J. Ling, c. Major Greig, b. Goudier 0
Extras 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Ling 7 1 14 5
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I.R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

On their own ground at Sookumpoo, the Indian R.C. lost to the Royal Navy but not by a great margin.

Curry (32) and Ackbar (24) made a stand for the Indians, after the visitors had drawn first blood. Cantrell and Gardner shared the bowling honours.

Armitage gave the senior service a good start when they batted and several others jogged along at a steady pace. F. M. el Arculli and A. H. Madar did most of the bowling. Scores:—

I.R.C.

A. H. Rumi, c. Sturge, b. Cantrell 0
A. H. Madar, bowled Cantrell 0
M. P. Madar, c. Armitage, b. Cantrell 6
J. S. Akker, c. b. Gardner 24
J. S. Akker, c. Shaw, b. Cantrell 32
A. el Arculli, c. Woodward, b. Gardner 16
Y. A. Wahab, bowled Cantrell 1
N. B. Kitchell, bowled Cantrell 1
F. M. el Arculli, bowled Gardner 7
A. S. Ismail, c. Brewerton, b. Gardner 1
A. S. Ismail, not out 1
Extras 6

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F. E. E. Booker, at Strange, b. Sara 10
W. E. Meadows, bowled Gorvin 13
Dr. Craig, bowled Westlake 0
C. F. Alexander, Patterson 31
T. H. King, c. Nhill, b. Patterson 0
R. Garrick, c. Stange, b. Gorvin 3
A. E. Lacey, not out 18
A. Reynolds, bowled Gorvin 10
P. Condon, b. Spittley 7
A. N. O'Neil, b. Gorvin 2
Extras 18

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Westlake 8 1 19 1
Colin Sara 8 3 23 2
Robertson 2 0 15 0
Patterson 4 0 13 2
Gorvin 5 3 11 4
Spittley 1 1 0 3 1

RECREIO v. "TAMAR."

"Defeating H.M.S. "Tamar" by 6 wickets. Club de Recreo now share top place in the table with the Police.

H. A. Alves took 6 wickets for 27 and then scored 60 not out (going in first) for the home side.

Four of the "Tamar" batsmen made over 20.

All six of the home batsmen but one got into double figures. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Tamar."

Lt. Church, b. Guterres 12
C. P. O. Bensley, c. Lopes, b. Alves 25
Pay. Comdr. Goomber, b. Guterres 1
C. E. R. A. Reaker, c. Sousa, b. Alves 26
Sub. Lt. Lathen, c. b. Alves 34
L. S. A. King, c. Lopes, b. Alves 4
M. Barker, b. Pina 4
Lt. Neale, not out 26
R. P. O. Newton, c. b. Alves 9
Corpl. Lee, c. Reed, b. Alves 0
Mno. Garbett, not out 1
Extras 1

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H. A. Alves, not out 60
H. A. Barros, c. Goomber, b. King 13
T. Guterres, c. Lee, b. Goomber 17
R. C. Reed, b. Bensley 22
H. M. Xavier, b. Reaker 19
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"WHITE WINGS."

YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

R.H.K.Y.C. WEEK-END.

Favourable conditions attended the racing class and cruiser events of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club during the week-end.

There was a good wind for Saturday's sixth championship when twenty boats turned out.

The course was from the Club to Troena Rock buoy, back to the Club, to Channel Rocks, finish at Club line.

The order of finishing, according to corrected time on handicap, was:—

Handicap Class: Colleen 1st, Diana 2nd, Rella 3rd, La Linda, Falcon, Dorothea. Points have not yet been awarded for this sixth race as protests are pending.

In the following, the points gained to date this season are also given:—

Handicap Class: Boojum 1st, 45 points to date; Blue nose 2nd, 55 points; Why Wonder? 3rd, 41 points; Adele 4th, 42 points; Loh 5th, 42 points; Sealark 6th, 23 points; Zephyr 7th, 24 points.

Gael Class: Halcyon 1st, 45 points; Daphne 2nd, 56 points; Aika 3rd, 41 points; Pierrette was 4th to finish and 1st on corrected time but was disqualified, 27 points to date; Gael 5th, 31 points; Thecla 6th, 31 points; Joan 6th, 34 points.

Service Boats' Race. "Eleven boats turned out for the service race. H.M.S. "Vindictive" was first, sailed by P. O. Chapman. H.M.S. "Hermes" was second, sailed by Midshipman Barry.

Cruiser Race. Nine boats turned out in yesterday's cruiser race from the Club to Cheung Chau (Dumbell) Island and back.

When the start was made at 10.30 a.m. the wind was blowing force 4 from the east.

Conditions were favourable although the wind slackened off a little during the day.

"Grouse," a whaler built by Lt. Vol. H. B. Gunn, competed for the first time.

In order of corrected time, the positions gained were:—Coquette 1st, La Cigale 2nd, U. and I. 3rd, Feather 4th, Brenda 5th, Grouse 6th, Norseman 7th.

By 16 games, Craigengower C.C. lost to Club de Recreo yesterday in a mixed doubles lawn tennis match.

Miss Assumpcao (Recreio) and Mrs. Stainfield (C.C.C.) received spoons for winning the highest number of games (with their respective partners) for their sides. Scores:—

Craigengower: Mrs. Stainfield and J. W. Leonard won 28 games to 14, Mrs. Williams and R. Remedios 27 to 15, Mrs. Wimbale and D. C. W. 22 to 20, Mrs. Knott and Howard lost 17 to 25, Mrs. C. Jones and Hamson 14 to 28, Mrs. Bennett and A. Phillips 10 to 32—total won 118 games.

Recreio: Miss A. Basto and H. Barros lost 19 games to 23, Miss P. Lawrence and F. Remedios won 27 to 15, Miss C. Osmund and A. Remedios lost 14 to 28, Miss T. Assumpcao and C. Barreto won 32 to 10, Mrs. R. E. Hyndman and R. E. Hyndman won 27 to 15, Mrs. F. Carvalho and M. Pina lost 15 to 27—total won 134 games.

Light & Power R.C. by 4 wickets. Scores:—

China Light 93 runs for 8 wickets, declared. Tinson 42, MacIntosh 23.

C.C.C. 2nd XI 123 runs. Leonard 55, White 16, F. C. Clemo 8 for 45.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Volunteers defeated the Royal Artillery by 33 runs.

R.A. 130 runs. Sgt. Leach 26, Captain Howard 25. H. V. Parker 5 for 29, Westlake 2 for 18.

Volunteers 163 runs. H. V. Parker 65, G. R. Vallack 38, Sgt. Rule 4 for 25, Sgt. Leach 2 for 46, Sgt. Gifford 2 for 31, Lt. Wright 2 for 36.

At Sookumpoo, Indian R.C. 2nd XI drew with University 2nd XI in a friendly match. Scores:—

I.R.C. 2nd XI 141 runs for 9 wickets, declared. A. S. Saffad 22, A. S. Ismail 39, S. A. R. Ismail 34 not out, S. V. Gittins 3 for 26, E. Zimmer 4 for 20.

Varsity 2nd XI 138 runs for 9



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Doctors credited two baseballs, autographed by Babe Ruth and other World Series players, with saving the life of John Dale Sylvester, eleven, of Essex Falls. The balls, rushed from St. Louis by aeroplane, revived the boy's vitality after doctors despaired of spring his life from blood poisoning.



Carl Glaze, fourteen, was to be the surprise witness at the murder trial of Rev. Frank Norris, Fort Worth, Tex., pastor, which was to start on Nov. 1. He was said to have been playing near Rev. Norris' study when D. E. Chipps, his visitor, was shot.



Here is the latest picture of James "Bud" Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman. He is shown studying at Princeton University. When he is graduated he will marry Lena Wilson, former maid to his mother.



Albee Simple McPherson, evangelist, is a woman of many moods, these pictures show. They were made in Court where she was arraigned on charges of conspiracy growing out of her disappearance.



Mr. Melvin A. Taylor was elected president of the American Bankers' Association meeting.



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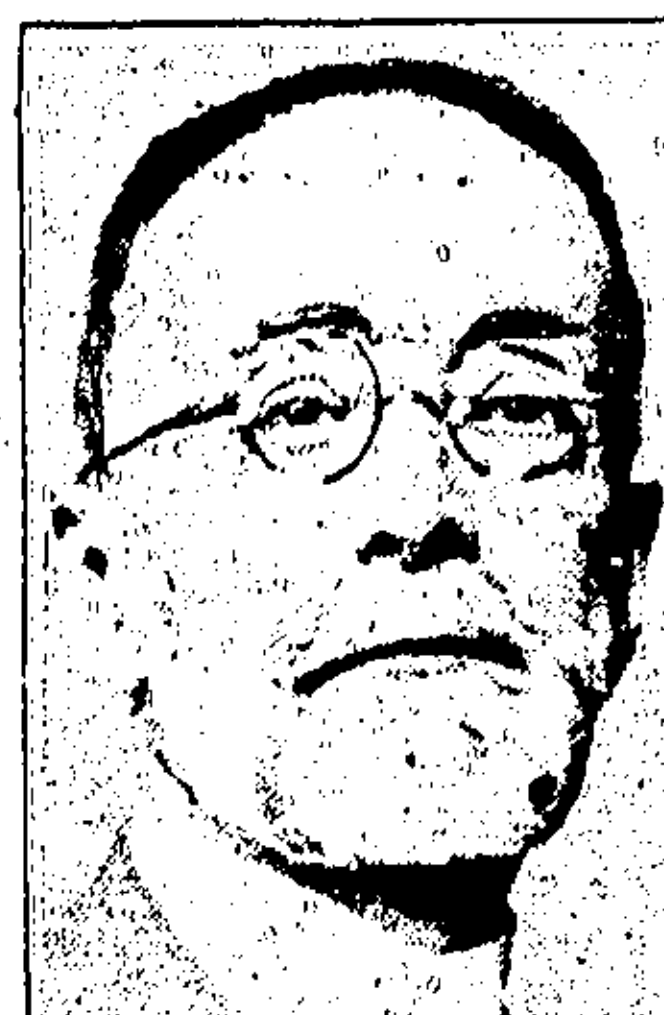


O. E. WELLER

Major Herbert A. Dargue will lead an American air expedition around South America. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, denounced "Mussoliniism." John Phillip Hill, vet, and Senator O. E. Weller, "moist dry," sought the Republican Senatorial nomination in Maryland.



Harry L. Dickman, former State trooper, gave sensational evidence in the Hall-Mills case. He conducted the original investigation into the murders.



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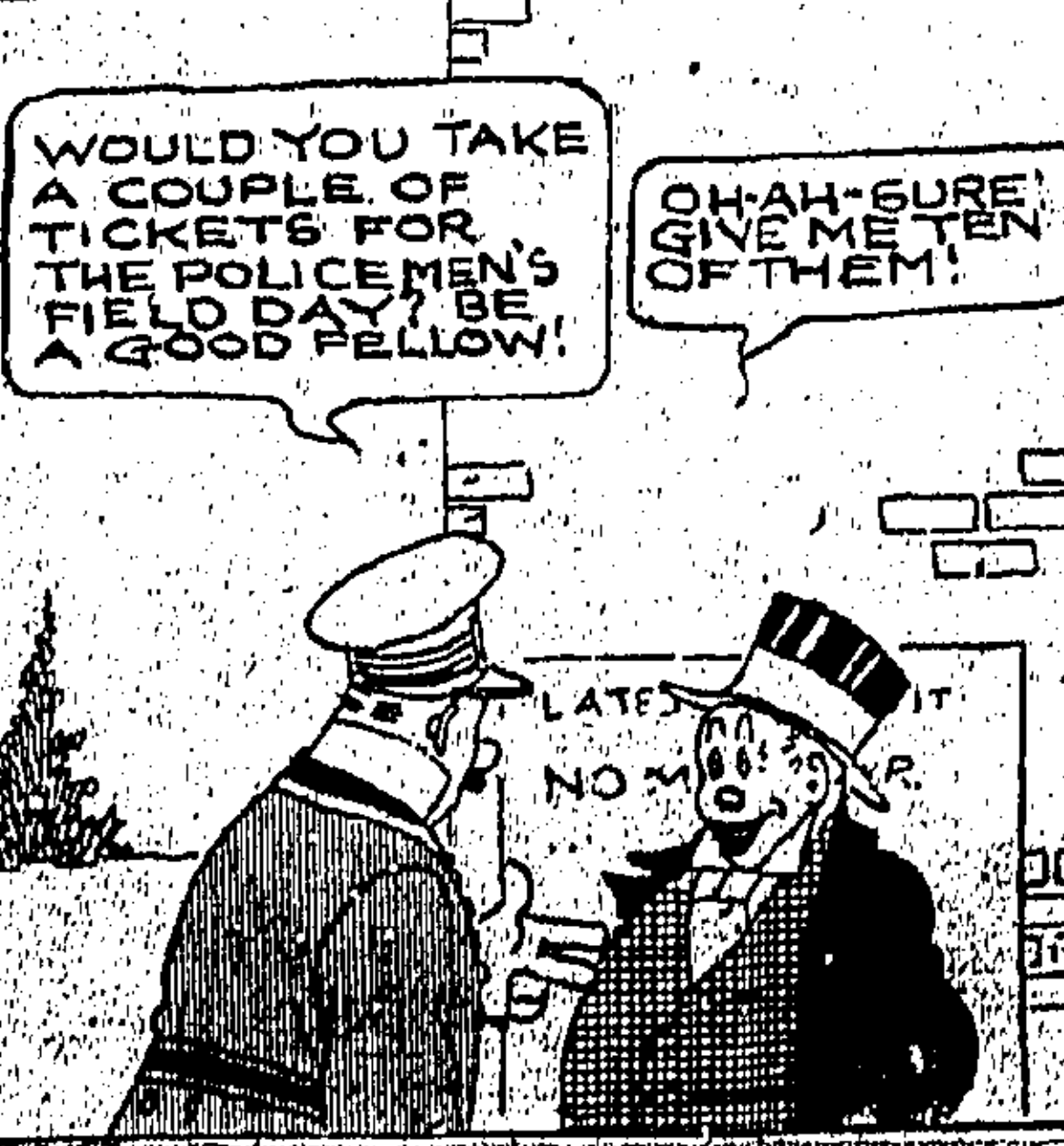
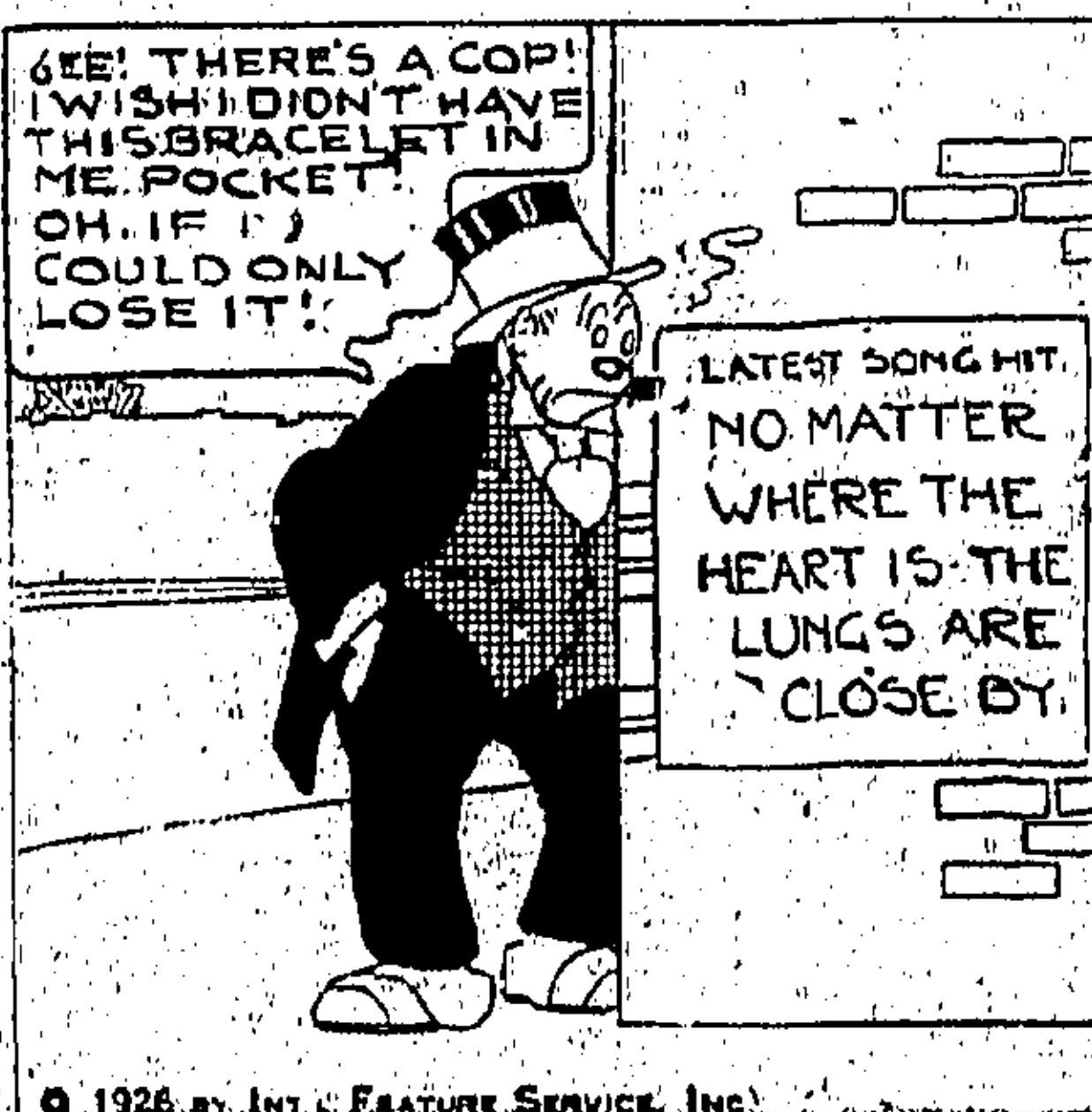


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August Heckscher, millionaire banker, proposed a \$600,000,000 foundation to win out New York's slums. Mrs. Paul Fitz Simons, formerly Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, was a candidate for school committeeman at Newport. R. I. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$250,000 to the Seamen's Church Institute in New York. Enforced limitation of the cotton crop to avert overproduction was urged on President Coolidge by Senator Ellison B. Smith, of South Carolina.

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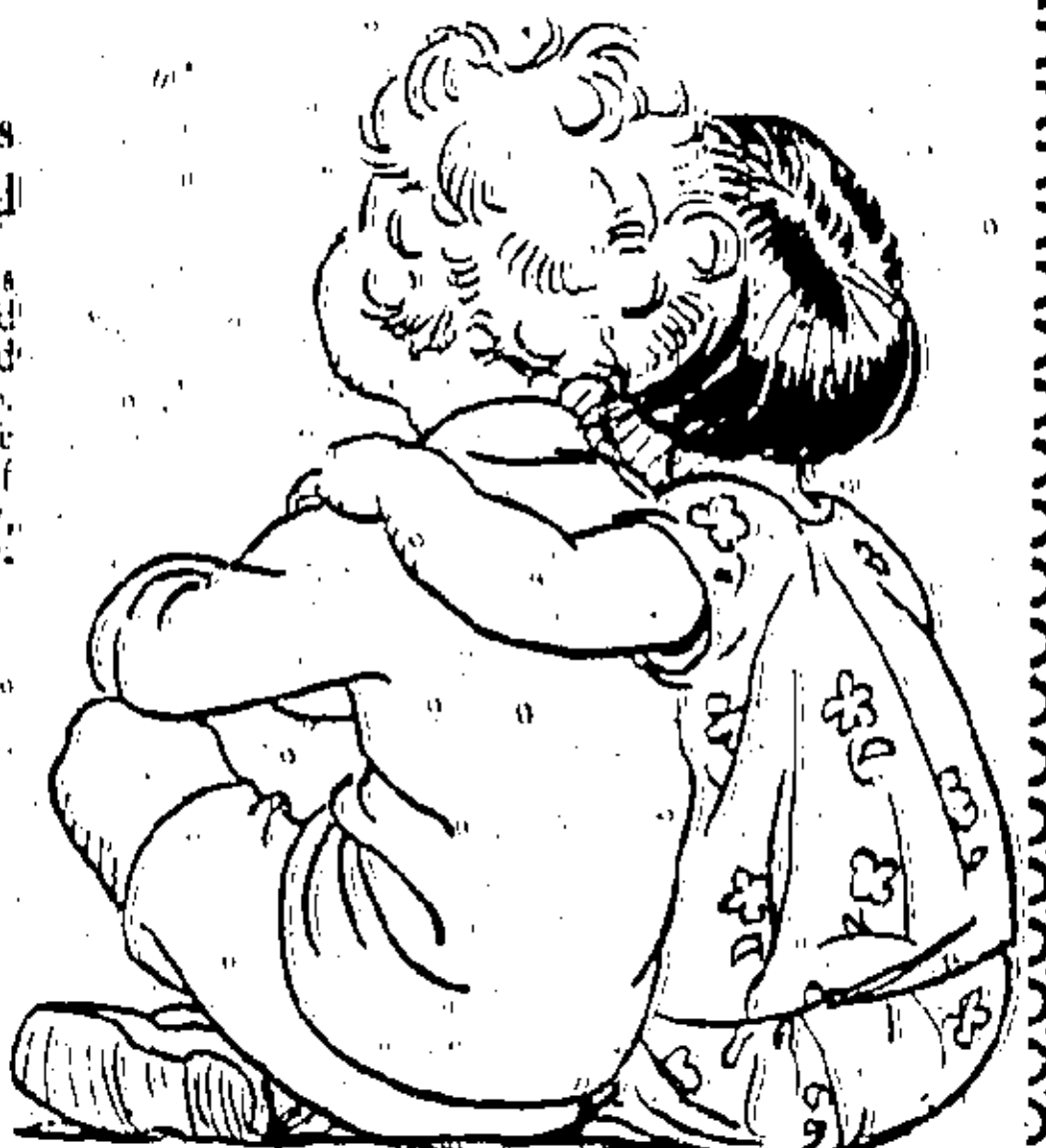
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COMING FILMS.

"TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES"

"Tess of the D'Urbervilles" is his greatest screen production believes Marshall Neilan, who filmed Thomas Hardy's classic novel for Metro-Goldwyn. Not only its greatness as a novel, but its peculiar fitness for adaptation to pictures, assures its qualities as a photoplay aside from the direction or acting, Neilan declares.

"A great many people who are acquainted with past and present literature regard Thomas Hardy as the greatest living writer," Neilan states.

"Certainly 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is his greatest work. It is unusually well fitted for the screen. It is, without question, the greatest story I have ever attempted to film, and it is more easily adaptable to the screen than any other novel with which I am familiar."

Hardy has a grasp and an understanding of life which no other modern writer has. His stories are made realistic by their simplicity, and the manner in which they are told, makes them excellent screen material.

"In my opinion, Blanche Sweet, as Tess, and Conrad Nagel as Angel Clare, are perfect in their parts. I truly believe Miss Sweet has given a finer performance in 'Tess' than in 'Anna Christie'."

"I think 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is one of the biggest stories ever written. It is the greatest picture I have ever made—of that I am sure."

"Miss Sweet and I have been planning and hoping to make a picture of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' for three or four years, and at last we have gratified our ambition with results that are satisfying to us, at least."

"Incidentally, it is the first picture we have made together since we have been married."

The picture is presented by Louis B. Mayer, Dorothy Farnum made the screen adaptation. The supporting cast includes Conrad Nagel, Stuart Holmes, George Fawcett, and many others.

More Bookings.

Other pictures which are coming in the very near future are "Wine of Youth" featuring Eulalie Jensen, a film of the MacMurray brand, but of a much better sort.

"The Man on the Box," a real scream in the hands of Syd Chaplin, who created a record for laughter in "Charley's Aunt."

AT THE STAR.

"CRINOLINE AND ROMANCE" TO-DAY.

This photoplay starring Viola Dana is voted the most entertaining series of motion picture plays in which she has appeared.

Every characterisation in which this gifted star has been seen is totally different from any other. There is no more delightful person in Miss Dana's whole gallery than her present one—Miss Emmy Lou—a charming, unsophisticated Southern miss whose adoring, but stern grandfather has kept her in the most complete seclusion. Emmy, being human, lets her curiosity get the best of her. With her coloured mammy, she goes off to see life, or more specifically, that variety of it which is found in the ultra-fashionable home of her aunt.

Emmy's experiences with a modern crowd of "advanced" flappers and their beaux is a revelation to her; and after breaking several hearts, she returns to her likewise heartbroken guardian, with two of the more persistent suitors still on her trail.

Miss Dana receives excellent support from a truly notable cast. There are two leading men in the picture, Allan Forrest and John Bowers, the two rivals for Emmy's hand. Claude Gillingwater is the Southern Colonel, Emmy's grandfather, stern but kindly. Others worthy of mention are Gertrude Short, and Lillian Lawrence.

You remember of course—who could forget it?

"Stella Dallas," reckoned to be the best "heart appeal" story of the year.

"Lady Windermere's Fan," considered to be Oscar Wilde's masterpiece, staged with amazing fidelity to the successful play of the name, by an all star cast.

"The White Desert," an epic of early days in Colorado and "Thunder Mountain," a superlative picture of the same type.

"The Thief of Bagdad" plays a return visit during Christmas week and will be followed by "The Beauty Prize" which is light-hearted comedy.

"Back Home and Broke" will be another Christmas offering and when it is stated that Thomas Meighan is the star, that is all that need be said.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"NORTH OF 36" TO-DAY.

Two great marches mark the history of the making of the United States.

The first was the trip of the covered waggon across the plains and mountains from Missouri to Oregon in 1849.

The second, although of equal importance, is not so well known this being the journey of the early Texas settlers, driving their cattle from the ranches in southern Texas to the railroad in the north.

It is this latter journey which forms the theme of "North of 36." The story of "North of 36" appears on the screen as a faithful picturisation of the epic story by Emerson Hough, who also wrote "The Covered Wagon."

The story opens in Texas in 1867. Cattle without number roam the ranges, but their owners are practically penniless, for there is no market for their herds.

Everything looks pretty black when news comes through that up "North of 36" where a railroad has been built, the cattle can be sold at an enormous profit by anyone braving the dangers of the trackless plains, the Indian menace, swollen streams and a hundred and one other lurking perils.

Tasie Lockhart (Lois Wilson), orphan, young, beautiful and hereditary chieftainess of one of the largest and wealthiest (in cattle) ranges in the Lone Star state, decides to risk the venture and with her 4,500 long-horns, 16 cow hands, 115 saddle ponies, etc. she hits the trail.

How, after months of hardships, they finally reach the railroad town and the ultimate results following their arrival will go down in screen history as a thing never to be forgotten.

Jack Holt, Lois Wilson, Ernest Torrence and Noah Beery are featured in the cast.

Rugby, December 11.—The acceptance by the Prince of Wales and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, of invitations to Canada next year when the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation will be celebrated was announced by Lord Willingdon, the Governor-General, in a speech from the Throne at the opening of the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

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